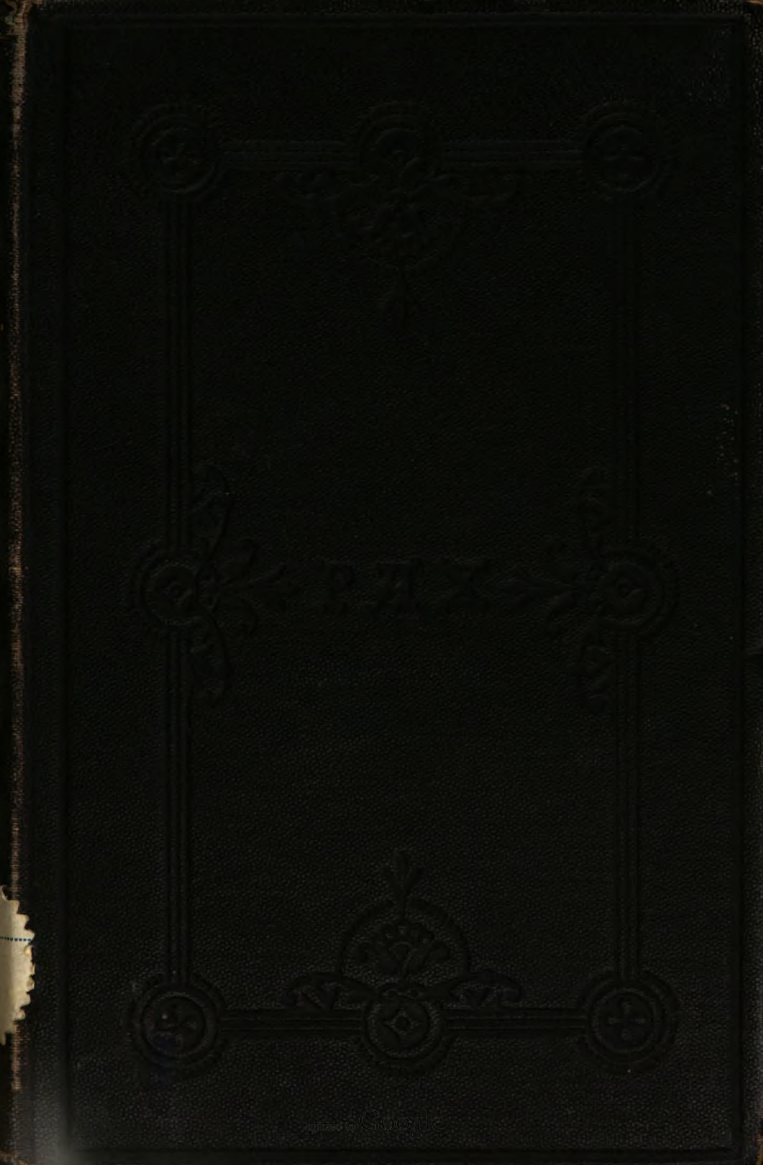

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En Omnibus glorificetur Deus.

Reg. SS. P. N. Benedicti, c. lvii.

A

MANUAL OF DEVOTIONS

TO

Our Holy Father Saint Benedict,

ABBOT AND PATRIARCH OF THE WESTERN MONKS;

TO HIS SISTER

SAINT SCHOLASTICA,

Virgin & Abbess;

AND TO

ALL SAINTS OF HIS HOLY ORDER.

"Verè dignum et justum est, æterne Deus! et gloriam tuam profusis precibus exorare, ut, sancti Benedicti patrocinio nos adjuvante, debitâ nomini tuo servitute placeamus."—*Monumenta Veteris Liturgiæ Alemannicæ*, Pars 1: GERBERT, O.S.B.

"Periclitari magis iudicium quam affectum (malò).—*S. Ambrosius*, lib. 5, in *Luc.* vi. 45.

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TIBI,
DULCISIME PATER BENEDICTE,
HUNC OFFERO LIBELLUM,
UT AMOR TUI IN CHRISTIFIDELIBUS RENOVETUR;
UT SPIRITUS TUUS IN FILIIS AUGEATUR;
ET
UT EGO, INDIGNUS QUI VOCER FILIUS TUUS,
SED PER MISERICORDIAM DEI TIBI DICATUS,
VESTIGIA TUA SEMPER SEQUI,
IN HORA MORTIS A TE DEFENDI,
TIBIQUE IN GLORIA SOCIARI
MEREAR.
BENEDIC ERGO MIHI, PATER BENEDICTE,
ET IIS OMNIBUS,
QUI, IN HISCE FLORIBUS LEGENDIS,
OPERAM MECUM CONTULERUNT.

J. A. M. M.

St. Benedict's Manual.

"Sic stemus ad psallendum, ut mens nostra concordet voci nostræ."—Reg. SS. P. N. BENEDICTI, c. xix.

LITTLE OFFICE OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

At Matins.

Ÿ. ✙ Deus in adiutorium
meum intende.

Rz. Dómine ad adju-
vandum me festína.

Gloria Patri, et Ffilio,
et Spirítui Sancto. Sicut
erat in princípío, et nunc,
et semper, et in sæcula
sæculórum. Amen. Alle-
luia.

Ÿ. ✙ Incline unto my aid,
O God.

Rz. O Lord, make haste to
help me.

Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

From Septuagesima till Easter instead of Alleluia is said,

Laus tibi, Dómine, Rex
ætérnæ glóriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord,
the King of eternal glory.

*The above is said at the beginning of every Hour, except
Compline.*

HYMNUS.*

Cœtus triúmpHet cœlitum,
Addátque terra júbilum,

HYMN.

Let saints above, and men
below,
Their joy and triumph grate-
ful show,

* See "Opera S. Petri Damiani, O. S. B.," tom. iv.

Fruátur quod æthéreis	That Benedict, with glory
Benedíctus gaúdiis.	crowned, Eternal bliss in heaven has found.

*On the Feast of the 21st of March and during the Octave,
the following verse is substituted.*

[Auróra surgit aúrea	[The morn her golden hue
Festa restaúrans ánnua,	displays,
Cum Benedíctus árduum	And ushers in the day of days,
Cœli scandit Palátium.]	Which saw Saint Benedict arise In glory to the starry skies.]

Quanta in summis áccipit,	When such on earth his hon-
Qui sic in imis cláruit;	oured name,
Cujus micant prodígia	What glory bright, what daz-
Per ampla mundi climata.	zling fame, In heaven are his, whose deeds sublime Fill the wide world through every clime.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,	Praise, honour, glory, be to
Sit Tibi laus et glória !	Thee,
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur	Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Per infinita sæcula. Amen.	Whose love in everlasting rest, O'erflows our Saint's enrap- tured breast. Amen.

Ant. Fuit vir vitæ
venerábilis.

Ant. There was a man of
venerable life.

Canticum Jeremiæ, c. xvii.

Canticle of Jeremias, c. xvii.

Benedíctus vir qui confi-
dit in Dómino,* et erit
Dóminus fidúcia ejus.

Blessed be the man that
trusteth in the Lord,* and
the Lord shall be his confi-
dence.

Et erit quasi lignum quod
transplantátur super aquas;
quod ad humórem mittit
radíces suas: * et non timé-
bit cùm vénerit æstus.

And he shall be as a tree
that is planted by the waters;
that spreadeth out its roots to-
wards moisture: * and it shall
not fear when the heat cometh.

Et erit folium ejus viride,
et in tempore siccitatis non
erit sollicitum : * nec ali-
quando desinet facere fruc-
tum.

Glória Patri, &c.
Sicut erat, &c.

Ant. Fuit vir vitæ venerá-
bilis, grátiâ Benedictus et
nómine ; qui ab ipso puerí-
tiæ suæ tempore cor gerens
seníle, ætátem móribus
tránsiens, nulli ánimum
voluptáti dedit.

And the leaf thereof shall
be green, and in the time of
drought it shall not be solici-
tous : * neither shall it cease at
any time to bring forth fruit.

Glory be to the Father, &c.
As it was in the beginning,
&c.

Ant. There was a man of ve-
nerable life, Benedict (Blessed)
both by grace and by name ;
who, even from his days of
boyhood, bore within him the
heart of age, and in his ways
transcending his years, yielded
not his mind to any sensual
pleasure.

*In Paschal time Alleluia is added to all the Anthems, and
Versicles, and Responses.*

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis Beáte
Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissiónibus Christi.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Fa-
ther Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Deus qui beatíssimum
Patrem ac legislatórem
nostrum, abstráctum a
mundi turbínibus Tibi soli
ministráre jussisti ; tríbue
nobis sub ejus magistério
Tibi serviéntibus perse-
verándi constántiam, et
perféctam usque in finem
victóriam. Per, &c.

O God, who didst withdraw
our most holy Father and law-
giver from the storms of the
world, to devote himself to
Thee alone ; grant to us, who
serve Thee under his guidance,
constant perseverance, and com-
plete victory, even to the end.
Through, &c.

At Lauds.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprâ.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Te Pater alme pétimus,
Ut sanctis tuis précibus,
A cunctis malis protégas,
Mentésque nostras dírigas.

Dum laudes Dei cóncinis
Terrénas omnes déspicis ;
Hoc nobis quoque óbtine
Hostísque a telo protége.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória,
Quá Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infínita sæcula. Amen.

Ant. Beátus vir Bene-
díctus.

Ps. cl.

Laudáte Dóminum in
sanctis ejus ; * laudáte
eum in firmaménto virtú-
tis ejus.

Laudáte eum in virtúti-
bus ejus ; * laudáte eum
secúndum multitúdinem
magnitúdinis ejus.

HYMN.

Father beloved ! from day to
day,
With love untiring thee we
pray,
From thoughts of sin, and
snares of hell,
To keep our minds, and guard
us well.

Whilst thou dost e'er thy voice
employ
To praise thy God, in hymns of
joy,
Teach us to shun all praise be-
low,
And shield us from our deadly
foe.

Praise, honour, glory, be to
Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enrapt-
ured breast. Amen.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict.

Ps. cl.

Praise ye the Lord in His
holy places ; * praise ye Him
in the firmament of His power.

Praise ye Him for His mighty
acts ; * praise ye Him accord-
ing to the multitude of His
greatness.

Laudáte eum in sono tubæ ; * laudáte eum in psalterio et cithará.

Laudáte eum in týmpano et choro ; * laudáte eum in chordis et órgano.

Laudáte eum in cýmbalis benesonántibus ; laudáte eum in cýmbalis jubilatiónis : * omnis spíritus laudet Dóminum.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedictus plus appétiit mala mundipérpeti quam laudes ; pro Deo labóribus fatigári, quam vitæ hujus favóribus extólli.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, Beáte Pater Benedícite.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

* Deus, qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedíctum, Abbátem, de ejus quæ in mundo est concupiscéntiæ corruptiône eréptum, Christo fidéliter adhærere fecisti ; quæsumus ut contra sæculi hujus illécebras tuâ virtúte roboráti : bráviúm supérnæ vocatiónis constánter pérsequi, et féliciter ássequi valeámus. Per eúndem, &c.

Praise Him with sound of trumpet ; * praise Him with psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with timbrel and choir ; * praise Him with strings and organs.

Praise Him on high-sounding cymbals ; praise Him on cymbals of joy : * let every spirit praise the Lord.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict desired rather to endure the evils of the world than its praises ; to be worn out with labours for God's sake, than to be exalted by the favours of this life.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst withdraw our holy Father Saint Benedict, Abbot, from the corruption of that concupiscence which is in the world, and cause him to cleave faithfully to Christ ; grant, we beseech Thee, that, strengthened by Thy power against the allurements of this world, we may constantly pursue, and happily attain the prize of our heavenly calling. Through the same J. C., &c.

* From the Paris Missal.

At Prime.

Ÿ.✠ Deus in adiutorium,
&c., *ut supra.*

Ÿ.✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

HYMN.

Athlêta invictissime,
Sacraeque dux militiæ;
Nos Benedicte valido
Precum défende bráchio.

Unconquered soldier ! great in
might,
Our leader in the sacred fight !
In prayer to heaven lift up
thine arms,
And save us from hell's fierce
alarms.

His armis execrâbilem
Leónis vince rábiem :
Quibus olim tetérrimam
Pellis ab ore mérulam.

As erst thou didst by prayer
defeat
The unclean bird's most foul
deceit,
So now the lion foil, who
prowls
With raging thirst, to seize our
souls.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
Per infinita sæcula. Amen.

Praise, honour, glory, be to
Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enrap-
tured breast. Amen.

Ant. Tantam grátiam.

Ant. Such grace.

Ps. i.

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Beátus vir, qui non ábiit
in consilio impiórum, et in
via peccatórum non stetit : *
et in cáthedra pestiléntiæ
non sedit.

Blessed is the man who hath
not walked in the counsel of
the ungodly, nor stood in the
way of sinners : * nor sat in
the chair of pestilence.

Sed in lege Dómini vo-
lúntas ejus ; * et in lege
ejus meditábitur die ac
nocte.

But his will is in the law of
the Lord : * and on His law he
shall meditate day and night.

Et erit tamquam lignum
quod plantatum est secus
decursus aquarum : * quod
fructum suum dabit in
tempore suo.

Et folium ejus non defluet : * et omnia quaecumque faciet prosperabuntur.

Non sic impii, non sic : *
sed tamquam pulvis, quem
projicit ventus a facie
terre.

Ideo non resurgent impii
in judicio : * neque peccatores
in consilio justorum.

Quoniam novit Dominus
viam justorum : * et iter
impiorum peribit.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Tantam gratiam
beato Benedicto virtus Do-
minica contulerat, ut sub
uno solis radio totum mun-
dum conspiceret.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beate
Pater Benedicte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiamur
promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

Fac nos, quæsumus Dó-
mine, beati Patris nostri
Benedicti hinc imitari la-
bóres ; ut illic ejus glóriæ
participes esse mereámur.
Per, &c.

And he shall be like a tree
which is planted near the run-
ning waters : * which shall
bring forth its fruit in due
season.

And his leaf shall not fall
off : * and all whatsoever he
shall do shall prosper.

Not so the wicked, not so : *
but like the dust which the
wind driveth from the face of
the earth.

Therefore the wicked shall
not rise again in judgment : *
nor sinners in the council of
the just.

For the Lord knoweth the
way of the just : * and the way
of the wicked shall perish.

Gloria, &c.

Ant. Such grace had the
power of the Lord bestowed on
blessed Benedict, that he be-
held the whole world contained
within a single ray of the sun.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Fa-
ther Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

Grant us, we beseech Thee,
O Lord, so to imitate here on
earth the labours of our Blessed
Father Saint Benedict ; that
we may, in heaven, deserve to
become partakers of his glory.
Through, &c.

At Tierce.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adiutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprâ.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

HYMN.

Urticæ junctæ vépribus

Whilst briers' wounds and net-
tles' sting

Vulnus curant vulnéribus ;
Flammáta mens divinitus

His flesh into subjection bring ;
His soul, with love divine on
fire,

Ignem extinguit ignibus.

Feels carnal love in *that* ex-
pire.

Crucem mittens, ut lápi-
dem,

The cross's saving sign he
makes,

Vení frangit cálicem ;

And the foul poisoned chalice
breaks,—

Non valet mortis váscu-
lum

The fatal cup with death full
rife

Vitæ ferre signáculum.

Cannot withstand the sign of
life.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,

Praise, honour, glory, be to
Thee,

Sit Tibi laus et glória !

Most sacred, holy Trinity ;

Quá Benedíctus frúitur,

Whose love in everlasting rest

Per infinita sæcula. Amen.

O'erflows our Saint's enrapt-
ured breast. Amen.

Ant. Erat vir Dómini.

Ant. The man of God.

Ps. cxix.

Ps. cxix.

Ad Dóminum cùm tri-
bulárer clamávi : * et ex-
audívit me.

In my trouble I cried to the
Lord : * and He heard me.

Dómine libera ánimam
meam a lábiis iníquis : *
et a lingua dolósa.

O Lord, deliver my soul from
wicked lips : * and from a de-
ceitful tongue.

Quid detur tibi, aut quid

What shall be given to thee,

apponatur tibi : * ad linguam dolosam ?

Sagittæ potentis acutæ : * cum carbónibus desolatoriis.

Heu mihi ! quia incolatus meus prolongatus est ; habitavi cum habitantibus Cedar : * multum incola fuit anima mea.

Cum his qui odérunt pacem eram pacificus : * cum loquebar illis impugnabant me gratis.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Erat vir Dómini Benedictus vultu plácido, móribus decoratus angelicis ; tantaque circa eum cláritas excreverat, ut in terris pósitus, in cœlestibus habitáret.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beáte Pater Benedicte.

R̃. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

*Intercéssio nos, quæsumus Dómine, beáti Patris nostri Benedicti Abbátis comméndet ; ut quod nostris méritis non valémus, ejus patrocínio assequámur. Per, &c.

or what shall be added to thee ; * to a deceitful tongue ?

The sharp arrows of the mighty : * with coals that lay waste.

Woe is me that my sojourning is prolonged ; I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar : * my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceable : * when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The man of God, Benedict, was of a mild countenance, and adorned with angelic manners ; and such lustre shone around him, that though abiding on earth, he dwelt in heaven.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

R̃. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the intercession of our holy Father, the Abbot Benedict, may render us so pleasing to Thee ; that what we cannot obtain by our own merits, may be given us through his prayers. Through, &c.

* From the Roman Breviary. In this, and in other prayers where they did not occur, the words "Pater noster" have been inserted, in accordance with the custom of the Benedictine Order.

At Sert.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprâ.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Frater quem tunc nequissi-
mus
Vagum raptábat spíritus,
Dum tuâ virgâ cæditur,
Stabilitáti rédditur.

Tuâ caréntum grátia,
Tellus vomit cadáverá,
Devótis unda líquida
Sicca lambit vestígia.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et gloria !
Quâ Benedictus frúitur,
Per infinita sæcula. Amen.

Ant. Gloriósus conféssor.

Ps. cxxii.

Ad Te levávi óculos
meos : * qui hábitas in
cælis.

Ecce, sicut óculi servó-
rum : * in mánibus domi-
nórum suórum.

Sicut óculi ancillæ in
mánibus dóminæ suæ : *
ita óculi nostri ad Dómi-
num Deum nostrum, donec
misereátur nostri.

HYMN.

When by hell's spirit led
astray,
The erring brother lost his way ;
Reproved by thy chastising rod,
He gained new strength to
serve his God.

Whoe'er reject thy friendship,
those
The earth from its cold bosom
throws ;
While they who faithful to
Thee prove,
O'er waters wild securely move.

Praise, honour, glory, be to
Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enrapt-
ured breast. Amen.

Ant. The glorious confessor.

Ps. cxxii.

To Thee have I lifted up
my eyes : * who dwellest in
heaven.

Behold, as the eyes of ser-
vants : * are on the hands of
their masters.

As the eyes of the hand-
maid are on the hands of her
mistress : * so are our eyes
unto the Lord our God, until
He have mercy on us.

Miserére nostri, Dómine,
miserére nostri : * quia
multum repléti sumus de-
spectiône.

Quia multum repléta est
ánima nostra : * oppró-
brium abundántibus, et
despéctio superbis.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Gloriósus conféssor
Dómini Benedictus, vitam
angélicam gerens in terris,
spéculum bonórum óperum
factus est mundo ; et ideo
sine fine gaudet in cœlis.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beáte
Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissiônibus Christi.

Orémus.

Deus, in cujus virtúte
beátus Pater noster Bene-
dictus extíncta fecit púeri
membra revivíscere ; præsta
quæsumus, ejus méritis per
afflátum Tui Spíritus, a
morte ánimæ vivi ficári. Per
—in unitáte ejúsdem, &c.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
have mercy on us : * for we
are greatly filled with con-
tempt.

For our soul is greatly filled : *
we are a reproach to the rich,
and contempt to the proud.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The glorious confessor
of the Lord, Benedict, leading
on earth an angelic life, became
to the world a mirror of good
works ; and therefore rejoiceth
for ever in heaven.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Fa-
ther Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose power our
holy Father Saint Benedict
made a dead child to live again ;
grant, we beseech Thee, through
his merits ; that by the breath-
ing of Thy Holy Spirit, our
souls may be preserved from
eternal death. Through, &c.

At None.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Totus orbis ámbitum
Per solis videt rádiū,

HYMN.

Though all his thoughts in God
on high
Are centred, yet his mind's
keen eye

Mens in auctóre pósito

Subiecta cernit ómnia.

O virum verè cœlicum !

O rerum Dei cónscium !
Germáni videt ánimam
Lætam ire ad cœlestia.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,

Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quá Benedictus frúitur,
Per infínita sæcula. Amen.

Pervades all earth, and like a
ray
Of the bright sun, turns all to
day.

O heaven-blest mortal, in whose
breast
The Deity's dread secrets rest !
He sees in glory, to the skies
The soul of Saint Germanus
rise.

Praise, honour, glory, be to
Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enrapt-
ured breast. Amen.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedictus.

Ant. The man of God Bene-
dict.

Ps. cxxv.

In converténdo Dóminus
captivitátem Sion : * facti
sumus sicut consoláti.

Tunc replétum est gáudio
os nostrum ; * et lingua
nostra exultatióne.

Tunc dicent inter
gentes : * Magnificávit Dó-
minus fácere cum eis.

Magnificávit Dóminus
 fácere nobiscum ; * facti
sumus lætántes.

Convérte Dómine cap-
tivitátem nostram : * sicut
torrens in austro.

Qui séminant in lácry-
mis : * in exultatióne me-
tent.

Eúntes ibant et flebant : *
mitténtes sémína sua.

Ps. cxxv.

When the Lord brought back
the captivity of Sion : * we
became like men comforted.

Then was our mouth filled
with gladness : * and our tongue
with joy.

Then shall they say among
the Gentiles : * The Lord hath
done great things for them.

The Lord hath done great
things for us : * we are be-
come joyful.

Turn again our captivity, O
Lord : * as a stream in the
south.

They that sow in tears : *
shall reap in joy.

Going they went and wept : *
casting their seeds.

Veniéntes autem, veni-
ent cum exultatióne : *
portántes manipulos suos.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus
ómnium justórum spíritu
plenus fuit : ipse intercédát
pro cunctis monásticæ pro-
fessiónis.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beáte
Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissió nibus Christi.

But coming, they shall come
with joyfulness : * carrying their
sheaves.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The man of God, Bene-
dict, was full of the spirit of all
the just : may he intercede for
all of the monastic profession.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Fa-
ther Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Orémus.

Concéde nobis quæsu-
mus, Dómine, álacris áni-
mis beáti Patris nostri
Benedícti commemorati-
ónem quotidie perágere :
cujus diversis decoráta
miráculis Tibi vita com-
plácuit. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O
Lord, that we may daily cele-
brate with willing minds the
commemoration of our holy
Father Saint Benedict, whose
life, adorned with many mira-
cles, was pleasing in Thy sight.
Through, &c.

At Vespers.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ant. Pater sanctus.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ant. The holy Father.

Ps. cix.

Ps. cix.

Dixit Dóminus Dómino
meo : * Sede a dextris meis.
Donec ponam inimícos
tuos : * scabéllum pedum
tuórum.

Virgam virtútis tuæ
emíttet Dóminus ex
Sion : * domináre in medio
inimicórum tuórum.

Tecum princípium in die

The Lord said to my Lord : *
Sit thou at my right hand.

Until I make thy enemies : *
thy footstool.

The Lord will send forth the
sceptre of thy power out of
Sion : * rule thou in the midst
of thy enemies.

With thee is the principality

virtutis tuæ, in splendóribus sanctórum : * ex útero ante luciferum génui te.

Jurávit Dóminus et non poenitébit eum : * Tu es sacerdos in ætérnum secundùm ordinem Melchisedech.

Dóminus a dextris tuis : * confrégit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicábit in natióibus, implébit ruínas : * conquassábit cápita in terra multórum.

De torrénite in via bibet : * proptérea exaltábit caput.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Pater sanctus, dum inténtam oculórum ácién in splendóre corúscae lucis habére viderétur ; vidit Germáni ánimam Capuáni Epíscopi in sphæra ígnea in cœlum ab ángelis deférri.

CAPITULUM. *Ecclus.* 1.

Ecce conféssor magnus ; qui quasi stella matutína in médio nébulæ, et quasi luna plena in diébus suis lucet : et quasi sol refúlgens sic ille effúlsit in templo Dei.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Hic genufléctitur. Rz. Sancte pater Benedícte,* Intercede pro nobis. Rz. Sancte, &c. V̄. Ut digni efficiámur promissióibus Christi.* Intercede pro

in the day of thy strength, in the brightness of the saints : * from the womb before the day-star I begot thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent : * thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at thy right hand : * hath broken kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among nations, He shall fill ruins : * He shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way : * therefore shall he lift up the head.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The holy Father, whilst he seemed to have his gaze intently fixed on the brightness of glittering light, beheld the soul of Germanus, the Bishop of Capua, carried to heaven by angels in a globe of fire.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Ecclus.* 1.

Behold a great confessor ; who in his days shone like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full : and as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Here kneel down. Rz. O holy Father Benedict,* Intercede for us. Rz. O holy, &c. V̄. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.* Intercede for us. V̄. Glory be

nobis. *Ÿ.* Glória Patri, et
Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto.
Rz. Sancte, &c.

to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost. *Rz.* O
holy, &c.

HYMNUS.

Sanctæ soróris spíritum
Omni labe puríssimum,
Instar colúmbæ cándidæ,
Cælum videt ascéndere.

Beáta demum córpora
Unum claudit sarcópha-
gum ;
Mens quibus una fúerat
Par cælo servat glória.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
Sit Tibi laus et glória !
Quâ Benedíctus frúitur
Per infínita sæcula. Amen.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beáte
Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissiónibus Christi.

Ant. Sanctíssime con-
fessor.

CANTICUM.

Magnificat : * ánima mea
Dóminum.

Et exultávit spíritus
meus : * in Deo salutári meo.

Quia respéxit humilitá-
tem ancíllæ suæ : * ecce

HYMN.

He sees his sainted sister's soul,
All pure, and free from sin's
control,
Like some fair, white, and
lovely dove,
Take wing, and mount to bliss
above.

At last their sacred dear re-
mains
One hallowed tomb in peace
contains ;
Their souls, which here were
joined in love,
In glory now are joined above.

Praise, honour, glory, be to
Thee,
Most sacred, holy Trinity !
Whose love in everlasting rest
O'erflows our Saint's enrap-
tured breast. Amen.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Fa-
ther Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Ant. O most holy confessor.

CANTICLE.

My soul : * doth magnify
the Lord.

And my spirit hath re-
joiced : * in God my Saviour.

Because He hath regarded
the humility of His hand-

enim ! ex hoc beátam me
dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna,
qui potens est : * et sanc-
tum nomen ejus.

Et misericórdia ejus a
progénie in progénies : *
timéntibus eum.

Fecit poténtiam in brá-
chio suo : * dispérsit su-
pérbos mente cordis sui.

Depósuit poténtes de
sede : * et exaltávit hú-
miles.

Esuriéntes implévit
bonis : * et dívites di-
mísit inánes.

Suscépit Israel púerum
suum : * recordátus mi-
sericórdiæ suæ.

Sicut locútus est ad
patres nostros : * Abra-
ham et sémini ejus in sæ-
cula.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Sanctíssime Con-
fessor Dómini, monachó-
rum Pater et dux Bene-
dicte, intercède pro nostra
omniúmque salúte.

Orémus.

Excita, Dómine, in ec-
clésia tua spiritum cui
beátus Pater noster Bene-
dictus Abbas servívit ; ut
eódem nos repléti : stude-
ámus amáre quod amávit,
et ópere exercére quod
dócuit. Per, &c.

maid : * for behold from hence-
forth all generations shall call
me blessed.

Because He that is mighty
hath done great things to me : *
and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from gene-
ration to generations : * to
them that fear Him.

He hath showed might in
His arm : * He hath scattered
the proud in the conceit of
their heart.

He hath put down the
mighty from their seat : * and
hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry
with good things : * and the
rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel His
servant : * being mindful of
His mercy.

As He spoke to our Fa-
thers : * to Abraham and to
his seed for ever.

Glory, &c.

Ant. O most holy Confessor
of the Lord, Benedict, the Fa-
ther and guide of monks, in-
tercede for the salvation of our-
selves, and of all.

Let us pray.

Raise up, O Lord, in Thy
church the spirit wherewith
our holy Father Saint Bene-
dict, Abbot, was animated ;
that, filled with the same, we
may study to love what he
loved, and to practise what he
taught. Through, &c.

At Compline.

Ÿ. Jube, Domne, benedícere.

Rz. Noctem quiétam et finem perfectam concédât nobis Dóminus Omnípotens. Rz. Amen.

Ÿ. Pray, Father, give us your blessing.

Rz. May the Almighty Lord grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. Rz. Amen.

LECTIO BREVIS.

Incipit Prólogo in Régulam Sanctissimi Patris nostri Benedicti.

Ausculta, O fili, præcepta magistri, et inclina aurem cordis tui; et admonitiónem pii Patris libénter excipe, et efficaciter comple. Tu autem, Dómine, miserére nobis. Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Convérte nos, Deus salutáris noster.

Rz. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ps. cxxxiii.

Ecce nunc benedícite Dóminum : * omnes servi Dómini.

Qui statis in domo Dómini : * in átriis domús Dei nostri.

In nóctibus extóllite manus vestras in sancta : * et benedícite Dóminum.

Benedícat te Dóminus ex Sion : * qui fecit cælum et terram.

Glória, &c.

SHORT LESSON.

The beginning of the Preface to the Rule of our Most Holy Father St. Benedict.

Attend, O my child, to the precepts of thy master, and bow down the ear of thy heart ; and willingly receive, and efficaciously fulfil, the admonitions of thy loving Father. And do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us. Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Convert us, O God of our salvation.

Rz. And turn away Thy anger from us.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ps. cxxxiii.

Behold now, bless ye the Lord : * all ye servants of the Lord.

Who stand in the house of the Lord : * in the courts of the house of our God.

In the nights lift up your hands to the holy places : * and bless ye the Lord.

May the Lord out of Sion bless thee : * He that made heaven and earth.

Glory, &c.

HYMNUS.

Te Pater alme pétimus
 Pronis mentis viscéribus :
 Ut cœlum des ascéndere
 Quos doces terram spérnere.

Quæ sursum sunt da quæ-
 rere,
 Sanctam serváre régulam :
 Christi fovéri gratiâ,

Demúmque frui glóriâ.

O sacrosáncta Trínitas,
 Sit Tibi laus et glória !
 Quâ Benedíctus frúitur,
 Per infinita sæcula. Amen.

HYMN.

Blest Father ! thee we earnest
 pray,
 With humble hearts, both night
 and day,
 That, taught by thee earth's
 joys to spurn,
 We may eternal glory earn.

O ! let our thoughts from
 heaven ne'er stray !
 May we our sacred rule obey !
 Be succoured here by Christ's
 sweet grace ;
 In heaven enjoy Him face to
 face.

Praise, honour, glory, be to
 Thee,
 Most sacred, holy Trinity !
 Whose love, in everlasting rest,
 O'erflows our Saint's enrap-
 tured breast. Amen.

CAPITULUM. *Eccl.* l. 10.

Quasi vas auri sólídum,
 ornátum omni lápide pre-
 tióso : quasi olíva púllulans,
 et cypréssus in altitúdinem
 se extóllens. Et circa illum
 coróna fratrum. Quasi plan-
 tatio cedri in monte Líbano,
 sic circa illum stetérunt
 quasi rami palmæ, et omnes
 filii Aaron in glóriâ suâ.
 Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, beáte
 Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
 promissiônibus Christi.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Eccl.* l. 10.

As a massive vessel of gold
 adorned with every precious
 stone ; as an olive-tree budding
 forth, and as a cypress rearing
 itself on high. And about him
 was a ring of his brethren.
 And as a cedar planted on
 Mount Libanus, and as bran-
 ches of palm-trees, they stood
 round him, and all the sons
 of Aaron in his glory.
 Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Fa-
 ther Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
 worthy of the promises of
 Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Per intercessiōnem sanctissimi Patris nostri Benedicti custōdi nos, Dómine, ab omni diabólico incursu; et sanctorum angelorum protectione defēde: ut ad Te pervenire feliciter valeamus. Per, &c.

Ÿ. Dómine exaūdi orationem meam.

Rz. Et clamor meus ad Te veniat.

Ÿ. Benedicamus Dómino.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Intercēssio sanctissimi Patris nostri Benedicti protégat nos; et præsídium Beátæ Mariæ Vírginis præsérvet nos; et benedictio Dei Omnipoténtis, ✠ Patris, et Filii, et Spíritus Sancti, descendat super nos, et máneat semper. Rz. Amen.

Preserve us, O Lord, through the intercession of our most holy Father Saint Benedict, from all attacks of the enemy, and defend us by the protection of Thy holy angels: that we may at length happily come to Thee. Through, &c.

Ÿ. O Lord hear my prayer.

Rz. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

May the intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict defend us; and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary preserve us; and may the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Rz. Amen.

A Novena of Litanies

IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT
BENEDICT.

The following Novena of Litanies has been formed from three Litanies to be found at the end of an edition of the Rule, printed at Douay, in 1645, and from the titles conferred on our Holy Father by the following writers. (See *Disq. Monast. auctore D. Benedicto Hæften*, Prolegom. xvii.)

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| 1. St. Gregory the Great,
O. S. B., Pope and Doc-
tor. | 12. Baronius, Congr. Orat.,
Cardinal. |
| 2. St. Zachary, O. S. B.,
Pope. | 13. Trithemius, O. S. B.,
Abbot of Spanheim and
Wurtzburg. |
| 3. Boniface IV., O. S. B. | 14. Paul the Deacon. |
| 4. Stephen III. | 15. Denis the Carthusian. |
| 5. Urban VIII. | 16. Gordianus, writer of a
life of St. Placid and his
companions, extant in a
most ancient MS. in the
Vatican. (<i>Surius</i> .) |
| 6. St. Peter Damian, O.S.B.,
Cardinal, Bishop of Ostia. | 17. Faustus, writer of a life
of St. Maurus. |
| 7. St. Odo, O. S. B., Abbot
of Clugny. | 18. Aymoinus. |
| 8. St. Bernard, O. S. B.,
Abbot, Doctor. | 19. The Author of a life of
St. Adalbert. |
| 9. Ven. Bede, O. S. B. | 20. Werner Rolevinck, Car-
thusian. |
| 10. Geoffry, O. S. B., Abbot
of Vendôme. | |
| 11. Turrecremata, O. P., Car-
dinal. | |

LITANIES IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER
SAINT BENEDICT.

I.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
Pater de cœlis Deus. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	God the Father of heaven. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spiritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta Maria. <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>	Holy Mary. <i>Pray for us.</i>
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Virginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater admirande.	Father, worthy of admiration.
Pater venerande.	Father, worthy of veneration.
Pater amande.	Father, worthy of love.
S. B., a púero sanctitáte pollens.	S. B., who wast gifted with sanctity from thy childhood.
S. B., abrupta vitiórum fugiens.	S. B., who didst flee from the rough ways of vice.
S. B., eremítici cultus amans.	S. B., who didst love the hermit's life.
S. B., a Románo paste.	S. B., who wast fed by Saint Romanus.
S. B., séntibus obvolúte.	S. B., who didst roll thyself amongst the briars.
S. B., libídinis extíctor.	S. B., conqueror of lust.
S. B., ruricolárum didáscale.	S. B., teacher of rustics.
S. B., vitæ apostólicæ instaurátor.	S. B., restorer of the apostolical life.
S. B., cœnobiórum fundátor.	S. B., founder of monasteries.

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| S. B., regulárum concin-
nátor. | S. B., framer of rules. |
| S. B., monachórum præ-
céptor almífice. | S. B., gentle teacher of monks. |
| S. B., præceptórum cultor
integerrime. | S. B., faithful observer of the
precepts. |
| S. B., errántium redux pru-
dentíssime. | S. B., most prudent guide of
the erring. |
| S. B., mortis spoliátor. | S. B., spoiler of death. |
| S. B., monstrórum calcátor. | S. B., spurner of demons. |
| S. B., maleficiórum ex-
plósor. | S. B., destroyer of enchant-
ments. |
| S. B., futurórum cógnitor. | S. B., foreknower of future
events. |
| S. B., Maurum super aquas
incédere fáciens. | S. B., who didst cause Saint
Maurus to walk upon the
waters. |
| S. B., Plácidum ab aquis
líberans. | S. B., who didst free Saint
Placid from the deep. |
| S. B., soróris ánimam in
celum volántem videns. | S. B., who didst see the soul
of thy sister ascending into
heaven. |
| S. B., éxitum tuum Domí-
nici córporis et sánguinis
perceptióne múnies. | S. B., who didst fortify thyself
at thy departure, by receiv-
ing the body and blood of
the Lord. |
| S. B., sublátis in cælum
óculis, inter manus dis-
cipulórum ánimam efflans. | S. B., who, with thine eyes
raised to heaven, didst
breathe forth thy soul in the
arms of thy disciples. |
| S. B., recto Oriéntis trá-
mite a cellá in cælum
tendens. | S. B., who, by the straight
path of the East, didst as-
cend from thy cell into
heaven. |
| S. B., tandem in cœlo tri-
úmphans. | S. B., who didst triumphantly
enter heaven. |
| S. B., Christum ætérno
amóre compléctens. | S. B., who art now enjoying
Christ in the embraces of
eternal love. |
| Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. <i>Parce nobis
Dómine.</i> | Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. <i>Spare
us, O Lord.</i> |
| Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec- | Lamb of God, who takest away |

cáta mundi. *Exáudi nos Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*

Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

Quos pii Confessoris tui, Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, voluisti Dómine magistério erudíri; ejus quæsumus méritis, dignáre nos ab insidiatóris fraude protégere. Per Dóminum, &c.

the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to defend from the snares of the devil, through the merits of Thy confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, those whom Thou hast been pleased to instruct by his teaching. Through, &c.

II.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exáudi nos.

Pater de cœlis Deus. *Miserére nobis.*

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.

Spiritus Sancte Deus.

Sancta Trínitas unus Deus.

Sancta María. *Ora pro nobis.*

Sancta Dei Génitrix.

Sancta Virgo Vírginum.

Sancte Pater Benedícte.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven.

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

God the Holy Ghost.

Holy Trinity one God.

Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God.

Holy Virgin of Virgins.

Holy Father Saint Benedict.

Pater clarissime.	Father most renowned.
Pater lenissime.	Father most gentle.
Pater piissime.	Father most affectionate.
Pater patientissime.	Father most patient.
Flos pietátis.	Flower of piety.
Flos sanctitátis.	Flower of sanctity.
Flos castitátis.	Flower of chastity.
Fúlgida lux sæcli.	Bright light of the world.
Stella religiõnis.	Star of religion.
Spéculum perfectiõnis.	Mirror of perfection.
Præceptor taciturnitátis.	Teacher of silence.
Régula paupertátis.	Example of poverty.
Magister obediëntiæ.	Master of obedience.
Norma abstinéntiæ.	Model of abstinence.
Monachórum præceptor al- mífice.	Kind instructor of monks.
Fide firme.	Firm in Faith.
Spe robúste.	Strong in Hope.
Charitáte fervide.	Fervent in Charity.
Mente pure.	Pure in mind.
Córpore caste.	Chaste in body.
Passiõnibus vácue.	Free from passions.
Futurórum præscie.	Foreknowing the future.
Gratiã Dei ornáte.	Adorned with the grace of God.
Spíritu Sancto repléte.	Filled with the Holy Spirit.
Ad altitúdinem angélicæ glóriæ sublimáte.	Raised to the height of angelic glory.
In contemplatiõnis ardóre rapte.	Rapt in the ardour of contem- plation.
Angelórum choris adjúnte.	Joined to the choirs of angels.
Inter Patriárchas eleváte.	Exalted amongst the Patri- archs.
Prophetárum consors ef- fécte.	Made companion of the Pro- phets.
Apostolórum collégio so- ciáte.	Associated to the College of Apostles.
Mártýrum rosis adornáte.	Adorned with the roses of Martyrs.
Confessórum labóribus de- coráte.	Decorated with the labours of Confessors.
Monachórum turbis præpó- site.	Placed over the choirs of Monks.

Virginum líliis redimíte.

Omnium Sanctórum ágmini
adunáte.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Parce nobis*
Dómine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos*
Dómine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Miserére no-*
bis.

Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis,
Sancte Pater Benedicte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissionibus Christi.

Crowned with the lilies of
Virgins.

United to the company of all
the Saints.

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Spare*
us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Gra-*
ciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Have*
mercy on us.

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy
Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Orémus.

* Omnípotens ætérne De-
us, qui radiántibus Beáti
Patris nostri Benedícti
Confessóris tui exémpis,
árduum tuis imitábile fámu-
lis iter fecísti; da nobis in-
offénsis per ejus institúta
gréssibus pérgeré: ut ejús-
dem in regióné vivéntium
mereámur gaúdiis admis-
céri. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and eternal God,
who, by the bright example of
Thy Confessor, our holy Father
Saint Benedict, hast made a
difficult way easy to be followed
by Thy servants; grant that we
may walk with blameless steps
in the path of his institutions,
so as to deserve to share his
joys, in the land of the living.
Through, &c.

III.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

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* From the Fulda Missal.

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Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
Pater de cœlis Deus. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	God the Father of heaven. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spiritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta Maria. <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>	Holy Mary. <i>Pray for us.</i>
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Virginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater reverendissime.	Father most reverend.
Pater præclarissime.	Father most renowned.
Pater compatiensissime.	Father most compassionate.
Vir adamantine.	Man of great fortitude.
Vir vitæ venerabilis.	Man of venerable life.
Vir sanctissimæ conversationis.	Man of most holy conversation.
Vere serve Dei.	True servant of God.
Lux devotionis.	Light of devotion.
Lux orationis.	Light of prayer.
Lux contemplationis.	Light of contemplation.
Astrum mundi.	Star of the world.
Arctissimæ vitæ magister optime.	Best master of a rigid life.
Dux sacræ militiæ.	Leader of the holy warfare.
Dux et princeps monachorum.	Leader and chief of monks.
Magister mundo morientium.	Master of those that die to the world.
Protector ad te clamantium.	Protector of those that cry to thee.
Patrator miraculorum admirande.	Wonderful worker of miracles.
Revelator arcanorum humani cordis.	Revealer of the secrets of the human heart.
Spiritualis disciplinæ magister.	Master of spiritual discipline.
Assecla Patriarcharum.	Companion of the Patriarchs.
Compar Prophetarum.	Equal of the Prophets.

Sectátor Apostolorum.
Præceptor Mátyrum.
Pater multorum Pontificum.

Follower of the Apostles.
Teacher of Martyrs.
Father of many Pontiffs.

Gemma Abbátum.
Glória Confessorum.
Imitátor Anachoretarum.
Coadjutor Virginum.
Colléga Sanctorum omnium.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. *Parece nobis Dómine.*

Gem of Abbots.
Glory of Confessors.
Imitator of Anchorets.
Associate of all the Saints.
Colleague of all the Saints.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. *Exaudi nos Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. *Miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis, sancte Pater Benedicte.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Deus qui nos sub Beáti Patriarchæ atque institutóris nostri Benedicti magisterio, a sæculi vanitate conversos, ad bravium supérnæ vocatiónis accéndis; pectoribus nostris purificándis illábere, et grátiam nobis quâ in te perseverémus infunde. Per, &c.

O God, who hast called us from the vanity of the world, and dost incite us to the reward of a heavenly vocation, under the guidance of our holy Patriarch and founder, Saint Benedict; inspire and purify our hearts, and pour forth on us Thy grace, whereby we may persevere in Thee. Through, &c.

IV.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaudi nos.

*Pater de cœlis Deus. Misc-
rere nobis.*

*Fili Redemptor mundi De-
us.*

Spiritus Sancte Deus.

Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.

*Sancta Maria. Ora pro no-
bis.*

Sancta Dei Génitrix.

Sancta Virgo Virginum.

Sancte Pater Benedicte.

Pater sapientissime.

Pater perfectissime.

Pater sanctissime.

Pater vultu placido.

Pater mente tranquillâ.

Cordis munditiâ clare.

Côrporis castitatē decore.

*Omnium virtutum ornâtu
insignis.*

*Regulâris vitæ institutor
magnifice.*

Innumerae sôbolis parens.

Protector tui Ordinis.

Norma religionis.

Decor totius honestatis.

Claritudo lucis.

Prædicator veritatis.

Doctor gentium.

Vir Deum sapiens.

Famulus Dei studiosissime.

*Fidelis et prudens dispen-
sator Christi.*

*Caput omnium monasterio-
rum.*

*Patriarcha gloriosissime
monachorum.*

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven.

Have mercy on us.

*God the Son, Redeemer of the
world.*

God the Holy Ghost.

Holy Trinity one God.

Holy Mary. Pray for us.

Holy Mother of God.

Holy Virgin of Virgins.

Holy Father Saint Benedict.

Father most wise.

Father most perfect.

Father most holy.

Father of serene countenance.

Father of tranquil mind.

*Renowned for cleanness of
heart.*

Illustrious for purity of body.

*Admirable for the adornment
of all virtues.*

*Noble founder of the religious
life.*

*Father of a numberless pro-
geny.*

Protector of thy Order.

Model of religion.

Beauty of all uprightness.

Brightness of light.

Preacher of truth.

Teacher of nations.

Man wise in God.

Most zealous servant of God.

*Faithful and prudent steward
of Christ.*

Head of all monasteries.

*Most glorious patriarch of
monks.*

Confessorum sanctissime.	Most holy of confessors.
Monachorum præstantissime.	Most excellent of monks.
Pater tuorum devotorum.	Father of those who are devoted to thee.
Pater plurimorum ordinum monasticorum et militarium.	Father of many monastic and military orders.
Pater multorum Martyrum.	Father of many Martyrs.
Pater multorum Pontificum et Confessorum.	Father of many Bishops and Confessors.
Pater multorum Monachorum et Anachoretarum.	Father of many Monks and Hermits.
Pater multarum Virginum et Viduarum.	Father of many Virgins and Widows.
Pater multorum Sanctorum.	Father of many Saints.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. <i>Parce nobis Domine.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. <i>Exaudi nos Domine.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Ÿ. Intercède pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
Rz. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

* Deus, qui Beatum Patrem nostrum Benedictum Confessorem tuum in terris vita laudabili decorasti, et in coelis æternam gloriam sublimasti; ejus quæsumus suffragantibus meritis, vita nostra apud te commendetur. Per, &c.

O God, who didst adorn Thy Confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, with a praiseworthy life on earth, and hast exalted him to eternal glory in heaven; grant, we beseech Thee, that, through his merits, our life may be made pleasing to Thee. Through, &c.

* From a Sacramentary in the Monastery of St. Blaise.

V.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
Pater de cœlis Deus. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	God the Father of heaven. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spiritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta Maria. <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>	Holy Mary. <i>Pray for us.</i>
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Virginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater magne.	O great Father.
Pater pie.	Father most kind.
Pater caste,	Father most chaste.
Pater célebris.	Father most renowned.
Pater laudábilis.	Father most worthy of praise.
Pater insuperábilis.	Father unconquerable.
Imitátor Christi.	Follower of Christ.
Fidélis Dei miníster.	Faithful minister of God.
Amátor solitúdinis.	Lover of solitude.
Amátor crucis.	Lover of the cross.
Amátor charitatís.	Lover of charity.
Amátor ómnium virtútum.	Lover of all virtues.
Præliátor fortis.	Brave soldier of Christ.
Erémi cultor.	Dweller in the desert.
Psálmicen assidue.	Constant chanter of psalms.
Instaurátor vitæ monástica.	Restorer of the monastic life.
Illustrátor Ecclesiæ Cathólicæ.	Enlightener of the Catholic world.
Propagátor fidei Christiánæ.	Propagator of the Christian faith.
Bone consolátor afflictórum.	Good comforter of the afflicted.

Benigne diléctor proximórum.	Kind lover of thy neighbours.
Benedictionibus cumulátissime.	Filled with all blessings.
Gratiâ benedictus et nómine.	Blessed both in grace and in name.
Diléctus Deo et homínibus.	Beloved by God and man.
Deo devotíssimè vacans.	Who didst devoutly give thyself to the things of God.
Egrégia religiônis columina parans.	Who didst provide choice pillars of religion.
Ecclésiæ paradísum irrigans.	Who didst bedew the paradise of the Church.
Athlétas fidei multos accingens.	Who didst gird to the combat many champions of the faith.
Virtútum rículos effúdens.	Who didst pour abroad rivulets of virtues.
Domum Dei miríficè decórans.	Who didst wonderfully adorn the house of God.
Multis iter ad sídera pandens.	Who didst show to many the path to heaven.
Propítius esto. <i>Parce nobis Dómine.</i>	Be merciful unto us. <i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Propítius esto. <i>Exaudi nos Dómine.</i>	Be merciful unto us. <i>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
A prævaricatióne mandatórum tuórum. <i>Libera nos Dómine.</i>	From prevarication in Thy commandments. <i>Deliver us, O Lord.</i>
A transgressiône votórum nostrórum.	From transgression of our vows.
Ab incúrsu ómnium malórum.	From the assault of all evils.
Per sanctam conversiônem Beáti Patris nostri Benedicti.	By the conversion of our holy Father Saint Benedict.
Per exemplárem vitam ejus.	By his exemplary life.
Per sanctam paupertátem ejus.	By his holy poverty.
Per ardentíssimam charitátem ejus.	By his most ardent charity.
Per mundíssimam castitátem ejus.	By his most pure chastity.
Per profundíssimam humilitátem ejus.	By his most profound humility.

Per ferventíssimas oratiónes ejus.	By his most fervent prayers.
Per admirábilem abstinéntiam ejus.	By his admirable abstinence.
Per sancta jejúnia ejus.	By his holy fastings.
Per sancta siléntia ejus.	By his holy silence.
Per mérita et intercessiões ejus.	By his merits and intercession.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. <i>Parce nobis Dómine.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. <i>Exaúdi nos Dómine.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. <i>Miserére nobis.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
Rz. Ut digni efficiámur promissiõibus Christi.	Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Omnípotens et miséricors Deus, qui Beátum Patrem nostrum Benedictum ad cœlórum glóriam, discipulis vidéntibus, migráre fecísti ; da nobis, ut sicut ille egrégus Pastor éxitit Monachórum : ita nos quoque oratiõibus ejus adjúti, illius exéempla sectántes, te ampliánte, ad vitam pervenire mereámur ætérnam. Per, &c.

O Almighty and merciful God, who didst cause our holy Father Saint Benedict to pass to the glory of heaven in the sight of his disciples ; grant, that as he was the glorious Pastor of Monks, we, being helped by his prayers, and following his example, may, through Thy gift, deserve to arrive at eternal life. Through, &c.

VI.

Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.

<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
<i>Christe audi nos.</i>	<i>Christ hear us.</i>
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
<i>Pater de cœlis Deus. Misere-</i>	<i>God the Father of heaven.</i>
<i>rere nobis.</i>	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
<i>Fili Redemptor mundi De-</i>	<i>God the Son, Redeemer of the</i>
<i>us.</i>	<i>world.</i>
<i>Spiritus Sancte Deus.</i>	<i>God the Holy Ghost.</i>
<i>Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.</i>	<i>Holy Trinity one God.</i>
<i>Sancta Maria. Ora pro no-</i>	<i>Holy Mary. Pray for us.</i>
<i>bis.</i>	
<i>Sancta Dei Génitrix.</i>	<i>Holy Mother of God.</i>
<i>Sancta Virgo Virginum.</i>	<i>Holy Virgin of Virgins.</i>
<i>Sancte Pater Benedicte.</i>	<i>Holy Father Saint Benedict.</i>
<i>Pater beate.</i>	<i>Father most blessed.</i>
<i>Pater eximie.</i>	<i>Father most renowned.</i>
<i>Pater maxime.</i>	<i>Father most exalted.</i>
<i>Contemptor mundi.</i>	<i>Despiser of the world.</i>
<i>Calcator sæculi.</i>	<i>Spurner of the age.</i>
<i>Vir sanctissime.</i>	<i>Most holy in life.</i>
<i>Vir accuratissime.</i>	<i>Most exact in action.</i>
<i>Vir exercitissime.</i>	<i>Most practised in virtue.</i>
<i>Vir per omnia mitissime.</i>	<i>Most meek in all things.</i>
<i>Confessor Dei egregie.</i>	<i>Most eminent confessor of</i>
	<i>Christ.</i>
<i>Christi athleta.</i>	<i>Soldier of Christ.</i>
<i>Miraculorum operator.</i>	<i>Worker of miracles.</i>
<i>Dæmonum profligator.</i>	<i>Banisher of devils.</i>
<i>Mortuorum resuscitator.</i>	<i>Raiser of the dead.</i>
<i>Arcti trāmitis ostensor.</i>	<i>Guide of the narrow path.</i>
<i>Carnalis voluptatis dōmi-</i>	<i>Subduer of carnal pleasure.</i>
<i>tor.</i>	
<i>Contemptor sui.</i>	<i>Contemner of himself.</i>
<i>Glóriæ osor.</i>	<i>Hater of glory.</i>
<i>Sanctitatis amator.</i>	<i>Lover of sanctity.</i>
<i>Sacri Ordinis institutor.</i>	<i>Founder of a holy Order.</i>
<i>Sacræ régulæ exactissime</i>	<i>Most exact observer of the holy</i>
<i>servator.</i>	<i>rule.</i>
<i>Dux præcipue monachó-</i>	<i>Chief guide of monks.</i>
<i>rum.</i>	
<i>Doctor dulcissime doctó-</i>	<i>Most sweet teacher of the</i>
<i>rum.</i>	<i>learned.</i>

Victor et triumphátor mundi.	Conqueror and triumpher over the world.
Victor et triumphátor dæmonum.	Conqueror and triumpher over devils.
Victor et triumphátor tentatiónum.	Conqueror and triumpher over temptations.
Propítius esto. <i>Parce nobis Dómine.</i>	Be merciful unto us. <i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Propítius esto. <i>Exaúdi nos Dómine.</i>	Be merciful unto us. <i>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
Peccatóres. <i>Te rogámus audi nos.</i>	We sinners. <i>Beseech Thee hear us.</i>
Ut perféctum amórem tuum effúndere, et in nobis conserváre dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to pour forth, and preserve in us, a perfect love of Thee.
Ut perféctam mortificatió-nem sénsuum, et propriæ voluntátis nostræ nobis donáre dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bestow upon us perfect mortification of our senses, and of our own will.
Ut veram conversiόνem morum secúndum régulam Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, nobis largíri dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant us true conversion of our manners, according to the Rule of our holy Father Saint Benedict.
Ut disciplínam monásticam in nobis augére et conserváre dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to increase and preserve in us monastic discipline.
Ut contínuum in virtútum acquisitióne proféctum nobis concédere dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant us continual progress in acquiring virtues.
Ut Ordinem sanctum nostrum amplificáre et tuéri dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to increase and defend our holy Order.
Ut perseverántiam in tuo sancto servítio nobis donáre dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give us perseverance in Thy holy service.
Ut in horâ mortis nostræ, per mérita Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti, nos protégere, et ad vitam ætérnam perducere dignéris.	That Thou wouldst vouchsafe, through the merits of our holy Father Saint Benedict, to protect us in the hour of our death, and to lead us to eternal life.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-	Lamb of God, who takest away

cáta mundi. *Parce nobis
Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Exaúdi nos
Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Miserére no-
bis.*

Ÿ. Intercede pro nobis,
Sancte Pater Benedicte.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissionibus Christi.

the sins of the world. *Spare
us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Graci-
ously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Have
mercy on us.*

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy
Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

* *Benedictio tua Dómine
beáti Patris nostri Bene-
dicti Confessóris tui in-
tercessióne, super nos (+)
descéndat; quæ et bene-
dictiónem nobis cleménter
operétur, et beátæ immor-
talitátis dona concíliet.
Per, &c.*

May thy blessing, O Lord,
through the intercession of our
holy Father Saint Benedict,
descend upon us, and merci-
fully work a blessing in us, and
obtain for us the gifts of a bliss-
ful immortality. Through, &c.

VII.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exaúdi nos.

Pater de cœlis Deus. *Mise-
rére nobis.*

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven.

Have mercy on us.

* From a Sacramentary in the Monastery of St. Blaise. The Secret.

† "Super has hostias."

Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.

Spiritus Sancte Deus.

Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.

Sancta Maria. *Ora pro nobis.*

Sancta Dei Génitrix.

Sancta Virgo Virginum.

Sancte Pater Benedicte.

Pater quiesce.

Pater sobrie.

Pater pudice.

Vir venerabilis.

Vir honorabilis.

Doctor almiſſice.

Doctor sapientiſſime.

Amice Dei.

Exemplum hominum.

Flagellum dæmoniôrum.

Sublîmis dux viæ.

Veritatis magister.

Vere amice sponsi.

Organum Spiritûs Sancti.

Regulâris vitæ custos.

Magnum decus Ordinis Ascetici.

Rutilans monachorum
gemma.

Virtutum magister.

Mortificationis typus.

Cujus divitiæ paupertas.

Cujus deliciae castitas.

Cujus dignitas obediencia.

Cujus imperium humilitas.

Pater Sanctissime. *Intercede pro nobis.*

Ut Christum in te glorificemus.

Ut te toto pectore imitemur.

Ut status nostri amore ferveamus.

Ut charitatem possideamus.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

God the Holy Ghost.

Holy Trinity one God.

Holy Mary. *Pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God.

Holy Virgin of Virgins.

Holy Father Saint Benedict.

Father most peaceful.

Father most temperate.

Father most chaste.

Father most venerable.

Father most honourable.

Teacher most kind.

Teacher most wise.

Friend of God.

Example of men.

Scourge of devils.

Guide of a sublime way.

Master of truth.

True friend of the bridegroom.

Instrument of the Holy Ghost.

Observer of the regular life.

Great ornament of the Ascetic Order.

Shining gem of monks.

Master of virtues.

Type of mortification.

Whose riches were poverty.

Whose pleasures were chastity.

Whose dignity was obedience.

Whose authority was humility.

Most holy Father. *Intercede for us.*

That we may glorify Christ in thee.

That we may imitate thee with our whole heart.

That we may be fervent in the love of our holy state.

That we may possess charity.

Ut cruci Christi adhæreamus.	That we may cleave to the cross of Christ.
Ut pœnitentiæ palæstrum decurrâmus.	That we may run the course of penance.
Ut vitam virtûtibus plenam agâmus.	That we may lead a life full of virtues.
Ut felîci morte desinâmus.	That we may die a happy death.
Ut vitæ bravium consequamur.	That we may obtain the reward of life.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. <i>Parce nobis Dômine.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. <i>Exaudi nos Dômine.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Ÿ. Intercede pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
Rz. Ut digni efficiâmur promissionibus Christi.	Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus,

Concede, quæsumus Dômine, ut beati Patris nostri Benedicti méritis et precibus adjûti, et protectionis tuæ munîti præsidîis, quod te donante promissimus impleamus, et nostræ professionis executôres effecti, ad ea quæ perseverantibus in te promittere dignatus es, pertingere mereâmur. Per, &c.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that aided by the merits and prayers of our holy Father Saint Benedict, and defended by Thy protection, we may fulfil what, by Thy grace, we have promised; and that, living up to our profession, we may deserve to obtain those rewards which Thou hast promised to those that persevere in Thee. Through, &c.

VIII.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
Pater de cœlis Deus. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	God the Father of heaven. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spiritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta Maria. <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>	Holy Mary. <i>Pray for us.</i>
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Virginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
Pater humilis.	Father most humble.
Pater illumináte.	Father most enlightened.
Pater honoránde.	Father most worthy of honour.
Vir Dei.	Man of God.
Vir sancte et innocens.	Man, holy and innocent.
Vir totius sanctitátis.	Man of all sanctity.
Doctor insignis.	Teacher most renowned.
Doctor disciplinæ.	Teacher of discipline.
Doctor perfectionis.	Teacher of perfection.
Abbas abbátum.	Abbot of abbots.
Arx monasticæ religionis.	Fortress of the monastic life.
Columna orthodoxiæ.	Pillar of the true faith.
Decus Ecclesiæ Catholicæ.	Glory of the Catholic Church.
Exemplum humilitátis.	Example of humility.
Exemplum virtutum omnium.	Example of all virtues.
Exemplum fratrum tuorum.	Example of thy brethren.
Vitæ nostræ norma.	Model of our life.
Monastici Ordinis Patriarcha.	Patriarch of the Monastic Order.
Monachorum dux gloriöse.	Glorious leader of monks.
Magister religionis.	Master of religion.

Magister totâ mente cœlestia quærentium.	Master of those who with their whole mind seek after the things of heaven.
Sanctissimorum et doctissimorum patrum Patriarcha.	Patriarch of most holy and learned Fathers.
Magne Catholici orbis splendor.	Great lustre of the Catholic world.
Totius Ecclesiæ fulcimentum.	Support of the whole Church.
Templum Spiritûs Sancti.	Temple of the Holy Ghost.
Abraham Novi Testaménti.	Abraham of the New Testament.
Oliva fructifera in domo Dómini.	Fruitful olive-plant in the house of the Lord.
Arcus refúlgens in nébulis glóriæ.	Rainbow shining in clouds of glory.
Candelábrum aúreum in templo Dei.	Golden candlestick in the temple of God.
Sidus novum mundána pellens núbila.	New star dispersing all worldly clouds.
Pater dulcissime. <i>Intercede pro nobis.</i>	Most sweet Father. <i>Intercede for us.</i>
Per generósam fugam, quâ Româ recessisti.	By thy generous flight, whereby thou didst retire from Rome.
Per vários labóres, quos in erémo passus fuisti.	By thy various labours, which thou didst endure in the desert.
Per abstinentiam et jejúnia tua.	By thy abstinence and fastings.
Per miracula tua.	By thy miracles.
Per insígenes victórias, quibus calcáto mundo, carne, ac dæmone, triumphásti.	By thy renowned victories, in which having trampled under foot the world, thou didst triumph over the flesh and the devil.
Per Spíritum prophetiæ quo claruísti.	By the spirit of prophecy, for which thou wast illustrious.
Per mérita sanctórum ómnium, quos cœlo genuísti.	By the merits of the saints, whom thou didst beget for heaven.
Per egrégios labóres tot Pontíficum Romanórum, qui ad Ecclesiæ Dei ré-	By the illustrious labours of so many Roman Pontiffs, who were taken from thy Order

- gimen ab institúto tuo assumpti fuére.
- Per sanctam humilitátem imperatórum, regum, aliorúmque dynastárum, qui suavíssimo régulæ tuæ jugo colla submisére.
- Per sudóres apostolórum Ordinis tui, qui ad conversiónem géntium intendérunt.
- Per gémitus abbátum et prælatórum, qui jugo subditórum suórum pressi, pro Christo patiénter anhelavére.
- Per effusióem ságuinis monachórum tuórum, qui dira passi, meruerunt præmia æténa.
- Per choros sanctárum virginum, quæ tuo sancto ductu, venérunt ad regna cœléstia.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Parce nobis Dómine.*
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Exáudi nos Domine.*
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi. *Miserére nobis.*
- Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedícite.
- Rz. Ut digni efficiámur promissióibus Christi.
- to govern the Church of God.
- By the holy humility of the emperors, kings, and nobles, who bowed their necks to the sweet yoke of thy holy rule.
- By the toils of the apostles of thy Order, who laboured for the conversion of nations.
- By the groans of thy abbots and prelates, who, borne down by the yoke of their subjects, patiently sighed for Christ.
- By the shedding of the blood of thy monks, who, enduring grievous torments, have merited the rewards of eternity.
- By the choirs of holy virgins, who, under thy holy guidance, have arrived at the heavenly kingdom.
- Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*
- Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
- Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*
- Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.
- Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

*Aures tuas, quæsumus

Incline thine ear, we beseech

* From the Ambrosian Diurnal.

Dómine, précibus nostris
inclína; ut qui peccató-
rum nostrórum flagéllis
percútimur: intercedénte
beáto Patre nostro Bene-
dicto, tuá grátiá liberémur.
Per, &c.

Thee, O Lord, to our prayers;
that we, who are stricken by
the scourges of our sins, may,
through the intercession of our
holy Father Saint Benedict, be
freed by thy grace. Through,
&c.

IX.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Christe audi nos.

Christe exáudi nos.

Pater de cœlis Deus.

Miserére nobis.

**Fili Redemptor mundi
Deus.**

Spiritus Sancte Deus.

Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.

**Sancta María. Ora pro
nobis.**

Sancta Dei Génitrix.

Sancta Virgo Víginum.

Sancte Pater Benedícte.

Pater benedictiónis.

Pater monachórum.

Pater Deo dilectíssime.

Pater Deo charíssime.

Legislátor exímie.

Legislátor beatíssime.

Legislátor excellentíssime.

Virórum sanctíssime.

Lux nostræ religiónis.

**Contéptor mundanárum
voluptátum.**

Cultor humilitátis.

Magister discretiónis.

Silentii quæátor.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven.

Have mercy on us.

**God the Son, Redeemer of the
world.**

God the Holy Ghost.

Holy Trinity one God.

Holy Mary. Pray for us.

Holy Mother of God.

Holy Virgin of Virgins.

Holy Father Saint Benedict.

Father of blessing.

Father of monks.

Father most beloved of God.

Father most dear to God.

Most renowned lawgiver.

Most blessed lawgiver.

Most excellent lawgiver.

Most holy of men.

Light of our religion.

Despiser of worldly pleasures.

Cherisher of humility.

Master of discretion.

Seeker of silence.

Supérieur zelose.	Zealous superior.
Pietatis æmulator.	Emulator of piety.
Vitæ religiosissimæ institutor.	Founder of a most religious life.
Devotione præcipue.	Most earnest in devotion.
Contemplator altissime.	Most exalted in contemplation.
Mundo mortue.	Dead to the world.
Prophetiæ spiritu clarissime.	Famed for the spirit of prophecy.
Re et nomine benedictæ.	Blessed both really and in name.
Multiplici gratiâ decoratæ.	Adorned with manifold grace.
Providendi dono illustris.	Illustrious for the gift of foreknowledge.
Potens in verbo et opere.	Powerful both in word and in work.
Virtutibus divinis elucens.	Bright with divine virtues.
In oratione ardens.	Ardent in prayer.
In meditatione accense.	Inflamed in meditation.
In lectione Sanctarum Scripturarum sedule.	Sedulous in reading the Sacred Scriptures.
In contemplatione assidue.	Assiduous in contemplation.
In divitiis gloriæ Dei uberime.	Faithful in the riches of the glory of God.
In electorum contubernio gloriose.	Glorious in the abode of the elect.
Omnium justorum spiritu plene.	Full of the spirit of all the just.
Pater sanctissime. <i>Te rogamus audi nos.</i>	Most holy Father. <i>We beseech thee hear us.</i>
Ut pro nobis intercedere digneris.	That thou vouchsafe to intercede for us.
Ut jam inter sanctos et electos annumeratus, propitium nobis Dominum conciliare digneris.	That being now numbered amongst the saints and elect of God, thou vouchsafe to render Him propitious to us.
Ut per obedientiam, paupertatem, et castitatem Deo, tibi que promissam, ad cœlestia pervenire valeamus.	That by the obedience, poverty, and chastity promised to God and to thee, we may arrive at the things of heaven.
Ut ab ingruentibus bellorum periculis, nos et nostra vindicare digneris.	That thou vouchsafe to defend us and ours from all impending dangers of wars.
Ut auxiliante Domino a	That through the mercy of God

peste, fame, et malâ
morte liberémur.

we may be freed from pesti-
lence, famine, and an evil
death.

Ut prælátos nostros incó-
lumes diu conserváre, et
óneri feréndo pares Dó-
minus efficere dignétur.

That the Lord may deign to
preserve our prelates, and
strengthen them to bear the
burdens laid on them.

Ut veram conversiónem
morum, secúndum sanc-
tam tuam régulam nobis
impetráre dignéris.

That thou vouchsafe to obtain
for us true conversion of
manners, according to thy
holy rule.

Ut animábus fratrum, soró-
rum, amicórum, et bene-
factórum Ordinis nostri,
réquiem ætérnam Dómi-
nus, concédere dignétur.

That the Lord may deign to
grant eternal rest to the
souls of the brethren, sisters,
friends, and benefactors of
our Order.

Ut consummáto hujus
agónis decúrsu, tecum
quoque regnáre mereá-
mur.

That when we have finished
the course of our struggle
here below, we may deserve
to reign with thee.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Párce nobis
Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Spare
us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Exáudi nos
Dómine.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Gra-
ciously hear us, O Lord.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Miserére
nobis.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Have
mercy on us.*

Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis,
Sancte Pater Benedícte.

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy
Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur
promissiónibus Christi.

Rz. That we may be made
worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

* Omnipotens sempitérne
Deus, qui beáti Patris nostri
Benedícti abbátis exémplo,
nobis humilitátis iter os-
tendísti ; da quæsumus, ut

O Almighty and eternal
God, who hast shown unto us
the way of humility, by the
example of our holy Father
Saint Benedict, the abbot ;

viam tibi plácitæ obediéntiæ, per quam ille venerábilis pater antecedébat, nos præcláris ejus méritis adjúti, sine erróre gradiámur. Per, &c.

grant, we beseech Thee, that, assisted by his merits, we may run, without going astray, in the way of obedience that is so pleasing to Thee, and wherein he himself preceded us. Through, &c.

PRAYERS TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

TO OBTAIN THE GRACE OF A HAPPY DEATH.

In the fourth book of the Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great, Abbess of the Holy Order of Saint Benedict, we read that the Holy Father appeared to her, and promised to assist on their death-bed, and to defend against the attacks of the enemy, all who should frequently remind him of the privilege that had been granted to himself, of dying whilst standing in prayer, in the Oratory of his Monastery.

Ant. Stans in oratório diléctus Dómini Benedíctus, Córpoze et Sanguine Dóminico munitus, inter discipulórum manus imbecillia membra susténtans, eréctis in cælum mánibus, inter verba oratiónis spíritum efflávit; qui per viam strátam pálliis et innúmeris corúscam lampádibus, cælum ascéndere visus est.

Ÿ. Gloriósus apparúisti in conspéctu Dómini.

Rz. Proptérea decórem induit te Dóminus.

Ant. Benedict, the beloved of the Lord, standing in the oratory, having been fortified with the Body and Blood of the Lord; supporting his failing limbs in the arms of his disciples, with hands upraised to heaven; breathed forth his soul amidst words of prayer; and was seen to ascend to heaven by a way spread with garments, and shining with innumerable lamps.

Ÿ. Thou didst appear glorious in the sight of the Lord.

Rz. Therefore did He clothe thee with beauty.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Deus, qui pretiósam mor-

O God, who didst adorn the

tem Sanctissimi Patris nostri Benedicti tot, tantisque privilegiis decorasti; concede, quæsumus, nobis: ut cujus memoriam recolimus, ejus in obitu nostro beatâ præsentia ab hostium muniâmur insidiis. Per, &c.

precious death of our most holy Father Saint Benedict, with so many and so great privileges; grant, we beseech Thee, that, at our departure hence, we may be defended from the snares of the enemy, by the blessed presence of him whose memory we celebrate. Through.

*Ant.** Beatissimus Pater noster Benedictus, et soror ejus Scholastica, quomodo in vitâ suâ dilexerunt se, ita et in morte non sunt separati.

Ÿ. Corpora sanctorum in pace sepulta sunt.

R. Et vivent nomina eorum in ætænum.

Ant. Our holy Father Saint Benedict, and his sister Saint Scholastica, as they loved each other during life, so also in death they were not separated.

Ÿ. The bodies of the saints were buried in peace.

R. And their names shall live for ever.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

† Deus qui beatum Patrem nostrum Benedictum et sororem ejus Scholasticam de te secum colloquentes, ab ubertate domus tue inebriare coepisti; da nobis quæsumus, sic in te uno gaudere in terris, ut te tandem perfrui mereamur in cælis. Per, &c.

O God, who didst begin to replenish with the plenty of Thy house, our holy Father Saint Benedict, and his sister Saint Scholastica, while conversing together concerning Thee; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to rejoice in Thee alone on earth, as to deserve to enjoy Thee at length in heaven. Through, &c.

‡ Patriarcha gloriosissime, Sancte Pater Bene-

O glorious Patriarch, holy Father Saint Benedict, I re-

* Adapted.

† From the Cluniac Breviary; changed.

‡ From the Benedictine Breviary, edit. Campidonen.

dícte, admóneo te illius dignitátis quâ te Dóminus tam glorióso fine dignátus est honoráre, quòd últimum spíritum tuum inter verba orationis effláveris; ex quo adhuc tam suáriter spiras præ áliis sanctis, quòd omnes in afflátu tuo mirificè delecténtur: rogans ut in horâ mortis meæ tali fidelitáte mihi velis adesse, quòd oppónas te ex omni parte quâ vidéris insidias inimicórum nocíviis contra me sævire; ut tuâ præsentíâ munitus, láqueos inimicórum evádam secúrus, ac cœli gáudia petam sine fine beátus. Amen.

mind thee of the privilege with which the Lord was pleased to honour thee by so glorious a death, that thou didst sigh out thy soul amidst words of prayer; whence, as thy special gift among the saints, thou breathest forth so sweet a perfume, that they are all wonderfully rejoiced therewith; beseeching thee to be so faithfully present to me at the hour of my death, as to oppose thyself on every side where thou shalt see the assaults of the enemy most violently raging against me, that, defended by thy presence, I may securely escape the snares of the enemy, and arrive at the joys of heaven, where I may be eternally happy. Amen.

* O beáte Pater, grátia et nómine a Deo benedícte, qui angélicum tuum spíritum eréctis ad cœlum máribus, stans et orans, in manus tui Creatóris felicíssime commendásti, atque omnes qui glorióse mortis tuæ, et cœlestium gaudiórum quotidíe te admonitóri essent, in suprémâ mortis luctâ contra omnes inimicórum insidias, strénue te defensúrum promísisti; custódi me, quæso, glorióse Pater, hódíe et

O holy Father, blessed by God both in grace and in name, who, whilst standing in prayer with thy hands raised to heaven, didst most happily yield thy angelic spirit into the hands of thy Creator; and hast promised zealously to defend against all the snares of the enemy, in the last struggle of death, those who shall daily remind thee of thy glorious departure, and thy heavenly joys; protect me, I beseech thee, O glorious Father, tliis day, and

* From "Diurnale Asceticum Religiosorum," auctore Domno Odi'one Schreger, O.S.B.

quotidiè tuâ sanctâ benedictione, ut a benedicto nostro Jesu, atque a tuâ et omnium Benedictorum societate nullo modo váleam separári. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

every day, by thy holy blessing; that I may never be separated from our blessed Lord, and from the society of thyself, and of all the Blessed. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

* O alme pater Benedicte, dux et légifer meus! grátias tibi humillimè réfero, quòd me in número filiórum tuórum assúmere, atque innúmeris beneficiis spiritalibus et corporalibus tam patrèné hucusque fovére dignátus sis. Fáteor équidem, me non esse dignum nómine filii tui, quia admonitiónes tam pii patris tam ségniter complévi, nec ópera patris fácere stúdui, neque ópere exércui quæ docuisti. Confisus nihilóminus de tuâ patrèná benignitatè, in spíritu humilitátis et in ánimo contríto, déprecor omnes offensiónes, et transgressiões, et negligéntias meas; humillimè súpplicans, præcipuè per mortem tuam gloriosissimam, quando eréctis ad cælum má nibus, stans et orans, angelicum spíritum tuum in manus Creatóris tui felicissimè commendásti, ut in suprémâ mortis luctâ, contra omnes inimicórum

O loving Father, Saint Benedict! my guide and lawgiver! I most humbly thank thee for having deigned to admit me into the number of thy children, and for having hitherto paternally cherished me with numberless blessings, both spiritual and corporal. I acknowledge, indeed, that I am not worthy to be called thy child, because I have so slothfully complied with the admonitions of so loving a father, and have not endeavoured to imitate thy works, nor practise what thou hast taught. Yet, relying on thy fatherly kindness, in the spirit of humility and with a contrite heart, I beg pardon for all my offences and transgressions, and negligences; most humbly beseeching thee, particularly by thy glorious death, when, with thy hands raised to heaven, standing and praying, thou didst most happily yield thy angelic spirit into the hands of thy Creator, that in the last struggle of

* From "Ascesis Benedictina—Benedictinus ægrotans et moriens," auctore Domino Ruperto Presinger, O.S.B.

insidias indignissimum filium tuum strenuè defendere, et a benedicto nostro Jesu, atque a tuâ, et omnium Benedictorum societâtenullo modo separâri permittas. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

death, thou wilt strenuously defend thy unworthy child against all the snares of the enemy, and wilt not suffer me to be in any way separated from our Blessed Lord, and from the society of thyself, and of all the Blessed. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ÿ. Intercède pro nobis, Sancte Pater Benedicte.

Rz. Et impetra nobis grâtiâ benè moriendi.

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. And obtain for us the grace of a happy death.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

* O alme Pater Benedicte! rogo te per illam dignitatem quâ in gloriosâ morte tuâ, te honorâre et beatificâre dignâtus est Dominus, ut in horâ mortis meâ mihi velis adesse, et quæ Beâtæ Virgini Gertrûdi promisisti, efficaciter adimpleas. - Amen.

O dear Father Saint Benedict! I beseech thee, by that privilege with which our Lord vouchsafed to honour and bless thee at thy glorious death, that thou wilt be pleased to be present at my death, and to fulfil in my regard, the promises thou didst make to the Holy Virgin Saint Gertrude. Amen.

* His Holiness Pope Clement XIV. granted a Plenary Indulgence (to be gained once only) to all who, with a contrite heart, recite the above prayer. See Origene, &c., Rome, 1849. In Italian.—“San Benedetto, mio caro Padre, vi prego per quella dignità con la quale il Signore si degnò di così glorioso fine morarvi e beatificarvi, che vogliate trovarvi presente alla mia morte, eseguendo in me tutte quelle promesse fatte alla Vergine S. Gertrude.”

PRAYERS TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

BEFORE AND AFTER MASS OR COMMUNION.

BEFORE MASS OR COMMUNION.

* O beatissime ac sanctissime Christi Confessor, monachorum et religiosorum Pater et Dux Benedicte! Ecce ego miser peccator, qui non sum dignus vocari filius tuus, nil de mea justitia presumens, sed de clementia Dei et tuis gloriosis meritis confidens, intendo nunc suscipere (et offerre divinae Majestati) coeleste sacramentum Corporis et Sanguinis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, pro tua gloria et beatitudine. Obsecro igitur te, Pater sanctissime, per illum amorem et honorem, qui te elegit de mundo, et in conspectu suo beatificavit, ut dignes sic ardentem orare pro me, ut tuarum precum interventu adjutus, divinissimum mysterium digne (tractare et) sumere valeam, et ab omnibus malis corporis et animae defendi, ut tandem tecum, et cum omnibus sanctis monachis, et aliis Dei electis pervenire merear ad laudandum et possidendum ejus beatissimam visionem aeternaliter in coelis. Amen.

O most blessed and most holy Confessor of Christ, Saint Benedict, Father and Guide of monks and religious! Behold, I, a wretched sinner, who am not worthy to be called thy child, not presuming on my own justice, but trusting in the clemency of God and thy glorious merits, have now the intention of receiving (and offering to the divine Majesty) the heavenly sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for thy glory and beatitude. I beseech thee, therefore, O most holy Father, by that love and honour which chose thee from the world, and blessed thee in His sight, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe so fervently to pray for me, that, aided by the intercession of thy prayers, I may worthily (celebrate, and) receive this most divine mystery, and be defended from all evils of soul and body; so that, with thee and all holy monks, and the other saints of God, I may at length deserve to come to praise and enjoy His most blessed vision eternally in heaven. Amen.

* From "Diurnale Monasticum," Parisiis, 1693.

AFTER MASS OR COMMUNION.

* *Beáti Patris nostri Benedicti Confessoris tui, Dómine, précibus confidéntes, quæsumus cleméntiam tuam, ut per ea quæ sumpsimus, æténa remédia capiamus. Per, &c.*

Trusting, O Lord, in the prayers of Thy Confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict; we beseech Thy clemency, that, through what we have received, we may obtain eternal remedies. Through, &c.

† *Ut nosmetipsos tibi Dómine, in hoc venerabili sacrificio (sacraménto) discámus totos devovére; eam nobis beátus Pater noster Benedictus Abbas impetret grátiae tuæ benedictiónem, quâ se, suos, suâque ómnia propter te derelinquere, et ipse méruit, et álios dócuit. Per, &c.*

That we may learn, O Lord, in this venerable sacrifice (sacrament) to dedicate ourselves entirely to Thee; may our holy Father Saint Benedict, Abbot, obtain for us that blessing of Thy grace, whereby he deserved to leave himself, his friends, and his possessions for Thy sake, and taught the same to others. Through, &c.

† *Deus qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedictum in solitúdinem duxisti, ut multórum tibi in Christo pater efficerétur filiórum; Eucharisticum manna degustántibus, da in hác terrâ viam tuam agnóscere, et ad réquiem tuam feliciter pervénire. Per eúndem, &c.*

O God, who didst lead our holy Father Saint Benedict into solitude, that he might become to Thee the father of many children in Christ; grant to those who taste of the heavenly manna of the Eucharist, to know Thy way in this world, and happily to arrive at Thy rest. Through the same, &c.

* From a Sacramentary in the Monastery of St. Blaise.

† From the Paris Missal.

PRAYERS AT RISING, AND AT RETIRING TO REST.

* In an "Order of the day," drawn up by our holy Father, we find the following.

As soon as a Brother has arisen for the work of God, let him make the sign of the Cross, in the name of the blessed Trinity, and say the Versicle,—

Dómine, lábia mea apé- ries.	O Lord, Thou wilt open my lips.
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Then,—

Deus in adiutorium me- um inténde.	Incline unto my aid, O God.
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Dómine ad adiuvándum me festína.	O Lord, make haste to help me.
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Glória, &c.	Glory, &c.
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In proceeding to the church, let him say Psalm xxiv.

Ad te Dómine levávi ánimam meam : * Deus meus in te confído, non erubéscam.	To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul : * in Thee, O God, do I put my trust, let me not be ashamed.
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Neque irrideant me in- imíci mei : * étenim univér- si, qui sústinent te, non confundéntur.	Neither let my enemies laugh at me : * for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.
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Confundántur omnes iní- qua agéntes : * supervácue.	Let all them be confounded that act unjust things : * with- out cause.
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Vias tuas, Dómine, de- mónstra mihi : * et sémitas tuas édoce me.	Shew, O Lord, Thy ways to me : * and teach me Thy paths.
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Dirige me in veritáte tuâ, et doce me : * quia tu es Deus Salvátor meus, et te sustínui totâ die.	Direct me in Thy truth, and teach me : * for Thou art God, my Saviour, and on Thee have I waited all the day long.
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* See "Regula SS. P. Benedicti," Duaci, 1645.—"Patrologiæ Cursus completus," Migne, tom. 66, p. 937.

Reminiscere miserati-
onum tuarum Dómine : * et
misericordiarum tuarum,
quæ a sæculo sunt.

Delicta juventutis meæ : *
et ignorantias meas ne me-
mínaris.

Secúndum misericórdiam
tuam meménto mei tu : *
propter bonitátem tuam,
Dómine.

Dulcis et rectus Dómi-
nus : * propter hoc legem
dabit delinquentibus in viâ.

Díriget mansuétos in
judicio : * docébit mites
vias suas.

Univérse viæ Dómini,
misericórdia et véritas : *
requiréntibus testaméntum
ejus, et testimónia ejus.

Propter nomen tuum,
Dómine, propitiáberis pec-
cáto meo : * multum est
enim.

Quis est homo qui timet
Dóminum ? * legem státuit
ei in viâ, quam elégit.

Anima ejus in bonis de-
morábitur : * et semen ejus
hæreditábit terram.

Firmaméntum est Dómi-
nus timéntibus eum : * et
testaméntum ipsíus, ut
manifestétur illis.

Oculi mei semper ad Dó-
minum : * quóniam ipse
evéllet de láqueo pedes
meos.

Réspice in me, et miserére
mei : * quia únicus et pauper
sum ego.

Remember, O Lord, the
bowels of Thy compassion : *
and Thy mercies that are from
the beginning of the world.

The sins of my youth : * and
my ignorances do not remem-
ber.

According to Thy mercy
remember Thou me : * for Thy
goodness' sake, O Lord.

The Lord is sweet and
righteous : * therefore He will
give a law to sinners in the
way.

He will guide the mild in
judgment : * He will teach the
meek His ways.

All the ways of the Lord are
mercy and truth : * to them
that seek after His covenant
and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O
Lord, Thou wilt pardon my
sin : * for it is great.

Who is the man that feareth
the Lord ? * He hath ap-
pointed him a law in the way
he hath chosen.

His soul shall dwell in good
things : * and his seed shall
inherit the land.

The Lord is a firmament to
them that fear Him : * and
His covenant shall be made
manifest to them.

My eyes are ever towards
the Lord : * for He shall pluck
my feet out of the snare.

Look Thou upon me, and
have mercy on me : * for I am
alone and poor.

Tribulatiões cordis mei multiplicatæ sunt : * de necessitatibus meis erue me.

Vide humilitatem meam, et laborem meum : * et dimitte universa delicta mea.

Réspice inimicos meos, quóniam multiplicati sunt : * et odio iniquo odérunt me.

Custodi ánimam meam, et erue me : * non erubescam, quóniam sperávi in te.

Innocéntes et recti adhæsérunt mihi : * quia sustinui te.

Líbera, Deus, Israel : * ex ómnibus tribulatióibus suis.

Glória, &c.

The troubles of my heart are multiplied : * deliver me from my necessities.

See my abjection, and my labour : * and forgive me all my sins.

Consider my enemies, for they are multiplied : * and have hated me with an unjust hatred.

Keep Thou my soul, and deliver me : * I shall not be ashamed, for I have hoped in Thee.

The innocent and the upright have adhered to me : * because I have waited on Thee.

Deliver Israel, O God : * from all his tribulations.

Glory, &c.

Let him enter the church with the greatest reverence and care, so as not to disturb those who may be praying ; and having come to his place, let him pour forth his prayers with the heart, rather than with the lips, and let him say,—

Grátias tibi ago, Omnípotens Deus, qui me dignátus es in hác nocte custodíre ; deprecor imménsam clementiam tuam, ut concédas mihi ventúrum diem sic perágere in tuo servítio cum humilitate et discretiõe, quatenùs tibi compláceam. Amen.

I give Thee thanks, O Almighty God, who hast deigned to preserve me this night ; I implore Thy infinite clemency, to grant that I may so spend the coming day in Thy service, with humility and discretion, as to please Thee. Amen.

AT RETIRING TO REST.

When the Divine Office is finished, let the greatest silence be observed, and let each one pray in private, recalling to mind his sins with tears, yet so as not to disturb others. Then let him say,—

Grátias tibi ago Omnípotens, ætérne Deus, qui me per tuam sanctam misericórdiam in hác die custodíre dignátus es; déprecór imménsam cleméntiam tuam, ut concédas mihi hanc noctem sine ullo peccáto, aut impediménto Sátanæ, cum dulci et pudicâ réquie pertransíre, ut matutíno veniente témpore purè et strénuè surgens, tibi Deo meo laudes reférre váleam.

I give Thee thanks, O Almighty and eternal God, who, through Thy holy mercy, hast deigned to preserve me this day; I implore Thy infinite clemency to grant that I may so pass this night, in sweet and chaste repose, without any sin, or snare of the devil, as that when the morning cometh, I may rise with purity and zeal, and be able to return thanks to Thee, my God.

Let the Brethren go to the dormitory with all care; and whilst retiring to rest, let each one say Psalm lxix., with the *Gloria*.

Deus in adjutórium meum inténde: * Dómine ad adjuvándum me festína.

Confundántur et reverentur: * qui quæerunt ánimam meam.

Avertántur retrórsùm, et erubéscant: * qui volunt mihi mala.

Avertántur statim erubescéntes: * qui dicunt mihi, Euge, euge.

Exúltent et læténtur in te omnes qui quæerunt te: * et dicant semper, Magnificétur Dóminus, qui díligunt salutáre tuum.

Ego verò egénus, et pauper sum: * Deus ádjuva me.

Adjútor meus, et liberátor meus es tu: * Dómine ne moréris.

Glória, &c.

Incline unto my aid, O God: * O Lord make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed: * that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame: * that desire evils to me.

Let them be presently turned away, blushing for shame: * that say to me, 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice, and be glad in Thee: * and let such as love Thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: * O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: * O Lord, make no delay.

Glory, &c.

Then let him say,—

Pone, Dómine, custódiam ori meo, et óstium circum- stántiæ lábiis meis.	Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and a door round about my lips.
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And protecting himself with the sign of the holy Cross,
let him sleep in the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS SUITABLE TO BE SAID WHEN PUTTING ON THE HABIT.*

St. Alphonsus, in the second part of the "Glories of Mary," treating of different devotions to Our Blessed Lady, says that an Indulgence of five years may be gained by kissing the habit of a religious Order.

AD TUNICAM.

Indue me, Dómine, novum hóminem, qui secundum Deum creátus est in justitiá, et sanctitate veritátis.

AT THE TUNIC.

Clothe me, O Lord, with the new man, who is created according to God, in justice and holiness of truth.

AD CINGULUM.

Præcinge me, Dómine, cingulo puritátis, et extingue in lumbis meis humórem libidinis; ut máneat in me virtus continéntiæ et stitátis.

AT THE GIRDLE.

Gird me, O Lord, with the girdle of purity, and extinguish within my reins the passion of lust; that the virtue of continency and chastity may remain in me.

AD SCAPULARE.

Dómine, qui dixísti, Jugum meum suáve est, et onus meum leve; fac ut istud portáre sic váleam, quod cónsequar tuam grátiam. Amen.

AT THE SCAPULAR.

O Lord, who hast said, My yoke is sweet, and my burden light; grant that I may so carry it, as to obtain Thy grace. Amen.

* Adapted chiefly from the Roman Missal: "Præparatio ad Missam."

AD CUCULLAM.

[Infúnde cordi meo, Dómine, spiritum sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedicti, et aufer a me omnem levitátem mentis, et vanitátem hábitús.]

AT THE COWL.

[Pour forth in my heart, O Lord, the spirit of our holy Father Saint Benedict, and take away from me all levity of mind, and vanity of dress.]

AD CUCULLUM.

Impóne, Dómine, cápiti meo gáeam salútis, ad expugnándos diabólicos incúrsus.

AT THE HOOD.

Place upon my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, to repel all the attacks of the devil.

A RENOVATION OF VOWS,

WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATELY MADE AFTER MASS OR COMMUNION, OR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.*

Grátias tibi ago Dómine Jesu Christe, pro grátia illá singulári, quá me vilissimum peccatórem de hoc sæculo nequam eduxísti; et in hoc religiosíssimo órdine ad solénnem professiónem admisísti. Dóleo ex toto corde quòd grátiae huic non satis respónderim, et tanto beneficio fúerim ingrátus. Detéstor omnes negligéntias in hoc statu commissas, et quòd tam parum ad ejus perfectiónem aspiráverim.

I give Thee thanks, O my Lord Jesus Christ, for that special grace, whereby Thou hast called me, a wretched sinner, from this wicked world, and hast admitted me to my solemn profession in this most holy Order. I am sorry, from the bottom of my heart, for not having sufficiently corresponded with this grace, and for having been ungrateful for so great a benefit. I detest all the negligences I have committed in this state, and am sorry

* From "Disquisit. Monast.," lib. iv., auctore Dom. Bened. Hæften, O.S.B.

Ignosce mihi, Deus vénis largitor, et humanæ salutis amator, et da, ut vel nunc tandem tuâ gratiâ incipiam, quod æquidem ex animo cupio et propèno. Quòd si me votis necdum tuæ Majestati obstrinxissem, nunc sanè id facerem, ideòque quantâ devotiòne possum, illa nunc rénovo, et novo fervóre TIBI PROMITTO STABILITATEM ET CONVERSIONEM MORUM MEORUM; PAUPERTATEM, CASTITATEM, ET OBEDIÉNTIAM SECUNDUM RÉGULAM SANCTI PATRIS NOSTRI BENEDICTI. Verùtamen quia ad hæc implènda me nimis tépidum et infirmum agnòco, rogo te misericordissime Jesu, ut qui dedisti mihi vovèndi voluntatem, tribuas étiam exequèndi facultatem: neque ita dirigas, ut non mihi, sed Tibi soli vivam; omnesque Ordinis observántias, et quidquid animæ meæ perfectiònem promovère possit, summo stúdio amplèctar, ad glóriam nóminis tui, qui es Deus benedictus in sæcula. Amen.*

for having aspired so feebly after its perfection. Pardon me, O God, the giver of pardon, and lover of the salvation of mankind; and grant that I may now, at length, by Thy grace, begin to accomplish what I ardently desire and purpose. If I had not already bound myself to Thy divine Majesty by my vows, I would now do so; and I therefore, at this moment, renew them with all the devotion that I can; and with fresh fervour I promise to Thee PERSEVERANCE AND THE CONVERSION OF MY MANNERS; POVERTY, CHASTITY, AND OBEDIENCE, ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT. Yet, because I acknowledge myself to be too tepid and weak to fulfil them, I ask Thee, O most merciful Jesus, that as Thou hast given me the will to bind myself by these vows, Thou wilt give me also the grace to observe them; and wilt so direct me, that I may not live for myself, but for Thee alone, and that I may embrace, with the utmost zeal, all the observances of my Order, and everything that can promote the perfection of my soul, for the glory of Thy name, who art God, blessed for ever. Amen.

* See also the "English Prayers," page 73.

VARIOUS PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

* Verè dignum et justum est, ætérne Deus, et glóriam tuam profúsis précibus exoráre, ut Sancti Patris nostri Benedicti patrocínio nos adjuvánte, débíta nómini tuo servitúte placeámus.

It is truly meet and just, O eternal God, with frequent prayers to supplicate Thy glory ; that, assisted by the patronage of our holy Father Saint Benedict, we may please Thee by the service that is due to Thy name.

For the Spirit of Union and Discipline.

† Deus super ómnia benedíctus, qui beátum Patrem nostrum Benedictum sanctæ religiõis instituisti magistrum, corda nostra réligæ cœléstium observántiæ mandatórum ; quique per ipsum disciplinæ monásticæ salutáre instituisti fundaméntum, unitátem nobis tribue córdium, et disciplinális observántiæ ornáméntum ; quo totíus mundi spretis illécebris, et cunctis præcórdiis solo desidério Condítoris, sancti hujus méritis perseverántiam obtineámus perpétuæ benedictiõnis. Per, &c.

O God, blessed above all things, who didst make our holy Father Saint Benedict a master of the religious life ; bind our hearts to the observance of his heavenly precepts : and, as through him Thou didst lay the salutary foundation of monastic discipline, grant unto us union of hearts, and the adornment of regular observance ; whereby, despising the allurements of the whole world, and our hearts being wholly filled with the desire of the Creator alone, we may, through the merits of this saint, obtain a continuance of perpetual blessing. Through, &c.

* From "Monumenta veteris Liturgiæ Alemannicæ," Gerbert, O.S.B.

† John Peckham, Abp. of Canterbury, in "Liber Pontificalis" of Edmund Lacy, Bp. of Exeter. In the original it is a blessing : "vestra," &c. has been changed into "nostra," &c.

Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ through the merits of our Holy Father Saint Benedict.

Pietátem tuam, Jesu mitissime, humiliter deprecor, per mérita et intercessiones beáti Patris nostri Benedicti confessoris tui, ut cordis mei ténebras lumine cœlestis sapiéntiæ illustráre, mentem meam ad supérna dirigere, affectiões sanctas et cor mundum in me creáre; ac justa augens desidéria, perfectá docens me ópera, in tuo sancto servitio confortáre et adjuváre digneris. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitáte Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

I humbly implore Thy mercy, O most meek Jesus, through the merits and intercession of Thy confessor, our holy Father Saint Benedict, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to illuminate the darkness of my heart by the light of heavenly wisdom, to direct my mind to heavenly things, to create holy affections and a clean heart in me, and, increasing in me just desires, and teaching me perfect works, to strengthen and help me in Thy holy service. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world-without end. Amen.

A Filial Recommendation to our Holy Father.

O alme Pater Benedicte, monachórum dux et monárcha! spes et solátium ómnium ad te toto corde clamántium! tuæ sanctissimæ protectioni humiliter me comméndo; ut propter excellentiam meritórum tuórum ab ómnibus quæ contrária sunt animæ meæ, defendere me digneris, atque de pietátis tuæ abundantia, compunctiões et lacrymárum grátiam mihi impetres, ut dignè copiosèque váleam tanta mala et offénsas plán-

O loving Father Saint Benedict, guide and chieftain of monks! and the hope and comfort of all who with their whole heart cry unto thee! I humbly commend myself to thy holy protection, that, through the excellence of thy merits, thou vouchsafe to defend me from all that is hurtful to my soul; and, in the abundance of thy kindness, to obtain for me the grace of compunction and of tears, that I may worthily and amply bewail the great evils and offences by which, from my

gere, quibus a juventúte meâ amábilem et desiderábilem Dóminum Jesum Christum provocávi frequentius; teque dignè laudáre et venerári mérear. O olíva! O vitis nímium in domo Dei fructífera! O vas auri sólídum ornátum omni lápide pretiósó! secúndum cor Dei eléctum et dulcíssimum, innumerísque gratiárum charismátibus tamquam gemmis coruscántibus decorátum! te oro, te rogo, tibi toto cordis afféctu, ac ómnibus ánimæ desideríis, benigníssime Pater, dulcísque magíster súpplico, ut mei míseri peccatóris memor esse dignéris apud Deum; ut peccátis meis ómnibus benignus indúlgeat, meque in bono consérvet, nec ab eo unquam discédere aliquâ necessitatè permittat: sed ad beatórum consórtium, visionémque ejus delectábilem post te, Pater, admittat, ubi tecum, cœtúque cum illo monachórum máximo sub tuo vexillo pósito, gaudére perpétuò possim, ipso Deo ac Dómino nostro Jesu Christo præstánte, qui cum Patre et Spíritu Sancto vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

youth, I have too often offended my amiable and desirable Lord Jesus, and may duly praise and venerate thee, O holy Father. O generous olive-tree! O fruitful vine in the house of God! O solid vessel of gold, adorned with every precious stone! chosen according to the heart of God, most sweet, and enriched with numberless gifts of grace, as with so many glittering jewels! I pray and beseech thee, O most kind Father, with all the affection of my heart, and all the longing of my soul, and I entreat thee, O sweet master, to vouchsafe to be mindful of me a miserable sinner before God, that He may be mercifully propitious to all my sins, and preserve me in good, nor ever suffer me to depart from Him through any trial, but admit me to the company of the blessed, and to the delightful sight of Himself in thy train, O Father; where, with thee, and the vast multitude of monks assembled together beneath thy standard, I may for ever rejoice; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

To know our Vocation.

*** O Deus ætérne, qui cuncta gubérnas, dispónis, et moderáris ; invoco patrénam pietátem tuam, et peto (per mérita et intercessiónem beáti Patris nostri Benedicti), ut locum et statum mihi providéas, ubi congruénter ad tuam glóriam, et ad meam salútem tibi famulári váleam. Per, &c.**

O eternal God, who dost govern, dispose, and direct all things, I implore Thy paternal kindness, and I beseech Thee, through the merits and intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict, to provide for me a place and state of life, wherein I may so serve Thee, as to advance Thy glory and my own salvation. Through, &c.

For Perseverance in our Vocation.

*** O benigníssime Deus, ostendísti mihi viam in quá ámbulem ; et—quod non fecísti omni natióni—judícia tua et leges manifestásti mihi. Ecce coram te, Dómine, et curiá tuá cœlésti, in viá hâc N ambuláre státui, ut tibi sérviam ómnibus diébus vitæ meæ. Concéde mihi grátiam, per ságuinem Jesu Christi, quá desidéria ista de tuá inspiratióne concépta, complére ; tibi que, et Fílio tuo, et suavíssimæ Matri ejus, (méritis et intercessióne beáti Patris nostri Benedicti semper et ubique adjútus), servíre váleam, et tuum in ætérnum vívere. Amen.**

O most merciful God ! Thou hast shown to me the way wherein I should walk, and—what Thou hast not done to every nation—Thou hast made known to me Thy judgments and laws. Behold, O Lord, in Thy presence, and that of Thy whole heavenly court, I have resolved to walk in this state of, that I may serve Thee all the days of my life. Grant me, through the sacred blood of Jesus Christ, grace to accomplish these desires, which I have formed by Thy inspirations ; and that, being always and everywhere assisted by the merits and intercession of our holy Father St. Benedict, I may serve Thee and Thy beloved Son, and His most sweet Mother, and live with Thee for ever. Amen.

* From " *Libellus Precum ad usum Sodalitatis S. Gregorii Mag. sub Patr. B.M.V.*"

For the Spirit of our Holy Father Saint Benedict.

* O Benedicte ! spiritum tuum infunde in cordibus nostris, ut quæ recta sunt, discamus ; et quæ cœlestia ætérnum tecum capiamus, eoque perveniamus, ubi tu cum Patre et Filio, et Spiritu Sancto, exultas in omni sæculo. Amen.

O holy Father Saint Benedict ! pour forth thy spirit into our hearts, that we may learn what is right, and with thee eternally obtain what is heavenly, and happily come to that place where thou rejoicest with the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

For Overcoming Concupiscence.

O Pater sancte, dux egregie ! qui dira carnis incoëndia divini amoris igne superasti, te supplices rogamus ac pétimus, ut misericórdiam Dei incessánter pro nobis interpéllas, quatenus cor nostrum et renes nostros igne Spiritûs Sancti exúrat, tribuátque nobis concupiscéntias carnis refrénare, passiones iræ et invidiæ edomáre, necnon et cor nostrum exercítiis virtútum ornátum ipse visitándoinhabitáre dignétur. Qui in Trinitáte, cum Patre et Filio, vivit et regnat, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

O holy Father and renowned guide ! who didst overcome the dire flames of the flesh by the fire of divine love, we humbly ask and beseech thee, unceasingly to implore for us the mercy of God, that He would inflame our heart and reins with the fire of the Holy Ghost, and grant us to restrain the concupiscence of the flesh, to tame the passion of anger and envy ; and, adorning our heart with the practice of virtue, to deign to visit it and dwell therein ; who in the Trinity, with the Father and the Son, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

For the same.

O gloriosíssime cultor Dei, nómine et vitá benedicte, sanctíssime Pater et

O most glorious servant of God, blessed both in name and in life, most holy Father and

* From "Concordia Animæ Benedictinæ cum Deo," auctore Domino Veremundo Eisvogel. O.S.B.

dux monachórum! consérva et ádjuva nos tuis sanctíssimis patrocíniis, in agóne monásticæ professiónis certántes, ut gládio spiritali amputémus carnis et spíritus inquinaménta, et ut sceptrum supérbi exactóris nostrá conversióne superémus. Per, &c.

guide of monks! by thy holy patronage preserve and help us who are struggling in the strife of the monastic profession, that, with the sword of the spirit, we may cut off all the defilements of the flesh and of the spirit, and, by our change of life, overcome the power of the proud tyrant. Through, &c.

For the Spirit of Poverty.

Da nobis, quæsumus Dómine, per mérita et exémp-la Sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedicti, qui adhuc puer, relictâ domo rebúsque patris, jam quasi áridum mundum cum flore despéxit, hoc mundo sic uti, tamquam non uténtibus; ut regnum cœlórum paupéribus spíritu promíssum, fêliciter consequámur. Per, &c.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the merits and example of our holy Father Saint Benedict, who, whilst yet a child, leaving his father's house and goods, despised this world as if it were but a faded flower, so to use it as though we used it not; that we may happily obtain the kingdom of heaven, which is promised to the poor in spirit. Through, &c.

To ask our Holy Father's Daily Blessing.

Sancte Pater Benedicte! per exemplárem vitam tuam, et pretiosíssimam mortem tuam, bénedic me in viâ régulæ tuæ, ut pervéniam ad pátriam æternæ glóriæ in cœlis. Amen.

O holy Father Saint Benedict, by thy exemplary life and most precious death, bless me in the path of thy holy rule, that I may arrive at the country of eternal glory in heaven. Amen.

ANTIPHONS, &c.

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT
BENEDICT, OR FOR VISITS TO HIS CHURCH,
CHAPEL, ALTAR, OR IMAGE.

ANT. I.—*Ave, Christidis-
cípule, et veri sponsi amíce!
Ave, prædicátor veritátis,
et doctor géntium! Ave, le-
gislátór universális, et abba
abbátum! Ave, archiman-
dríta œcuménice, et colúm-
na orthodóxiæ! non pati-
áris nos óvibus tuis exclúdi:
sedem apostólicam prótege;
Ordinem sanctum tuum, et
omnes filios tuos corpore,
tibi, simul et mente pros-
trátos, ab hóstibus visibíli-
bus et invisibílibus defénde,
et Christo pro nobis órgias
funde, quátenus híc et in
ætérum omnes tuo mú-
nere lætémur.

Ÿ. Intercéde pro nobis,
Sancte Pater Benedícte.

Rz. Et ímpetra nobis
grátiam N

ANT. I.—Hail, O disciple of
Christ, and friend of the true
bridegroom! Hail, O preacher
of truth, and teacher of na-
tions! Hail, O universal law-
giver, and abbot of abbots!
Hail, O general ruler of monas-
teries, and pillar of the true
faith! suffer us not to be ex-
cluded from the number of thy
sheep: protect the apostolic
See; defend from all enemies,
both visible and invisible, thy
holy Order, and all thy chil-
dren, prostrate before thee,
both in body and mind, and
pour forth prayers for us to
Christ, that, through thy
bounty, we may all rejoice both
here and throughout eternity.

Ÿ. Intercede for us, O holy
Father Saint Benedict.

Rz. And obtain for us the
grace N

* Pope Stephen III. As the Ant. is changed and abbreviated, the original remarkable testimony of the early devotion and confidence cherished towards St. Benedict is subjoined.

Ave, Christi discipule! Ave, veri sponsi amíce! Ave, prædicátor veritátis, et doctor gentium! Ave, legislator universalis! Ave, abba abbatum! Ave, archimandrita œcumenice! Ave, columna orthodóxiæ! Tuus ego et hi septem episcopi, tuus clerus, tuus populus Romanæ urbis, tui et hi Patricii, tua Lateranensis ecclesia, in quâ alitus et nutritus es, tuum Cassinense cœnobium, in quo corpore et spiritu habitas. Non patiaris nos ovibus tuis excludi. Sedem apostolicam protege: Romanum imperium, et hos gloriosos Patricios corpore tibi, simul et mente prostratos, ab hostibus visibilibus et invisibilibus defende, et Christo pro nobis orgias funde, quatenus hic et in æternam omnes tuo munere lætemur.—Mon. Disq. B. Hæften.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

To know our vocation.—O Deus æterne, p. 61.*To persevere in our vocation.*—O benignissime, p. 61.*For the spirit of our Holy Father.*—Excita, p. 16; or, O Benedicte, p. 62.*For perseverance in a religious life.*—Deus qui, p. 3; or, Deus qui nos, p. 27; or, Concede, p. 37.*For poverty of spirit.*—Da nobis, p. 63.*For the gift of chastity.*—Deus qui, p. 5; or, O pater sancte, p. 62; or, O gloriosissime, p. 62.*For humility and obedience.*—Omnipotens, p. 43.*For a happy death.*—Deus qui, p. 44, and the following.*For the Order, Congregation, or Monastery.*—Da nobis, as in the "Union of Prayers."

ANT. II. — O beáti viri
Patris nostri Benedícti
sancta præcónia! O inæsti-
mábilis diléctio charitátis!
qui dum sæculi pompam
contémpsit, æternæ vitæ
conjunctus est.

Ÿ., R̃., and Prayer as before.

ANT. II.—O holy renown of
our blessed Father Saint Bene-
dict! O inestimable love of
charity! who, despising the
pomp of this world, was asso-
ciated to eternal life.

ANT. III. — Sanctíssime
Confessor Christi, Bene-
dicte, monachórum Pater
et dux, intercède pro nostrâ
omniúmque salúte. De-
vótæ plebi súbveni sanctâ
intercessióne, ut, tuis ad-
júta précibus, regna cœlés-
tia consequátur.

Ÿ., R̃., and Prayer as before.

ANT. III.—O most holy Con-
fessor of Christ, Benedict, the
Father and guide of monks!
intercede for the salvation of
ourselves and of all. Assist thy
devoted people by thy holy
intercession, that, helped by
thy prayers, they may obtain
the kingdom of heaven.

ANT. IV. — O laudánda
Sancti Benedícti mérita
gloriósa! qui dum pro
Christo pátriam, mundique

ANT. IV.—O praiseworthy
and glorious merits of our holy
Father Saint Benedict! who,
despising his country and the

sprevit pompam, adéptus est ómnium contubérnium beatórum; et párticeps factus præmiórum æternórum. Inter choros confessorum spléndidum póssidet locum, et ipsum fontem ómnium intuétur bonórum.

pomp of the world for the love of Christ, has become a companion of all the blessed, and been made partaker of the rewards of eternity. Now, amongst the choirs of confessors, does he possess a glorious place, and behold the very source of every good.

Ÿ., R̃., and Prayer as before.

ANT. V.—O cœléstis norma vitæ, doctor et dux Benedicte! cujus cum Christo spiritus exúltat in cœléstibus, gregem pastor alme serva, sanctâ prece corróbora, viâ cœlos clarescêntefac te duce penetrâre.

ANT. V.—O model of a heavenly life, Saint Benedict, our teacher and our guide! whose spirit rejoiceth with Christ in the heavenly courts: O loving shepherd! preserve thy flock, strengthen it with thy holy prayers, and, by thy guidance, conduct it along the bright path to heaven.

Ÿ., R̃., and Prayer as before.

ANT. VI.—Orámus te, beatíssime Conféssor Dei, et dux glorióse ágminis monástici Benedicte, ut pro nostrâ æternâ salúte perpétuus intercésor dignéris existere.

ANT. VI.—We beseech thee, O holy Father Benedict, most blessed Confessor of God, and leader of the band of monks! vouchsafe to be a perpetual intercessor for our eternal salvation.

Ÿ., R̃., and Prayer as before.

ANT. VII.—Patersancte, ac Patrône ínclyte! obnixe postulámus, quatenus ómnibus horis ac moméntis nostræ servitútis, munus sempiternæ Trinitáti offerre dignéris, ut quod nostrâ non éxigunt mérita, tua nobis

ANT. VII.—O holy Father, and illustrious Patron! we earnestly entreat thee to vouchsafe, each hour and moment, to present to the eternal Trinity the offering of our service; that thy glorious prayers may procure for us that

gloriosa impetrent suffragia. which our own merits cannot obtain.

Ÿ., Rz., and Prayer as before.

ANT. VIII.* — Exulta Benedicte, Pater sanctissime patrum, Doctor dulcissime doctorum! quia consummatis operibus sanctis, pariter congaudes super regna polorum. Intercede pro tuis commissis, postula pro nobis afflictis, roga pro nostris delictis, posce Christum non solum pro monachis commissis, sed etiam pro tuis ancillis, ut omnis ætas, omnis sexus, omnis ordo, qui tuis præceptis colla submitunt, peritura mundi despiciant, gaudia æterna concupiscant, regna beata appetant, prospera animarum et corporum percipiant. Nulla diabólica fraude molestentur, nullis incursionibus malignorum affigantur, nullisque calamitatibus annihilentur.

ANT. VIII.—Exult, O Benedict, most holy Father of fathers, and most sweet master of Masters! that, having wrought the works of sanctity, thou now rejoicest in the kingdom of heaven. Intercede for those intrusted to thy care, supplicate for us who are in affliction, pray for our sins, entreat Christ, not only for the monks committed to thee, but also for thy handmaids; that all of every age, and sex, and rank, who submit their necks to the yoke of thy precepts, may despise the perishable goods of this world, may desire the joys of eternity, may strive after the kingdom of bliss, and enjoy prosperity of soul and body. Let them not be molested by the fraud of the devil, let them not be afflicted by the attacks of evil spirits, nor overwhelmed by any calamities.

Ÿ., Rz., and Prayer as before.

ANT. IX.*—Euge Pater beate! fave precantibus, appone aures precibus famulorum tuorum, da veniam poscentibus, da dona querentibus, parce peccan-

ANT. IX.—O blessed Father! be propitious to those that pray to thee; incline thine ears to the petitions of thy servants; grant pardon to those who crave it; bestow gifts on

* From Venerable Bede, O.S.B. — “Sermo in Nat. S. Scholasticæ,” tom. 7.

tibus ; quia tu Pastor es, nos verò oves, audi balátus óvium tuárum, et *trahe me post te*, ut veniámus ad te, ut illic vera páscua inveniámus, ubi sunt vera gaúdia sempitérna. Amen.

those who seek them, and spare those that fall into sin. And since thou art the Shepherd, and we are the sheep, hear the cry of thy flock, and *draw us after thee*, that we may come to thee, and there find our true pastures, where there are true joys for ever. Amen.

Ÿ., Rý., and Prayer as before.

PRAYER TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS.*

(If too long, it can be divided into five prayers, according to the paragraphs.)

O Benedict, thou vessel of election, thou palm of the wilderness, thou angel of earth ! we offer thee the salutation of our love. What man was ever chosen to work on the earth more wonders than thou hast wrought ! Our Saviour has crowned thee as one of His principal co-operators in the work of the salvation and sanctification of men. Who can tell the millions of souls that owe their eternal happiness to thee ! thy immortal Rule having sanctified them in the cloister, or the zeal of thy Benedictines having been the means of their knowing and serving the great God who chose thee ? Around thee, in the realms of glory, a countless number of the blessed acknowledge themselves indebted to thee, after God, for their eternal happiness ; and, upon the earth, whole nations profess the true faith, because the Gospel was first preached to them by thy disciples.

O Father of so many peoples ! look down upon thine inheritance, and bless once more this ungrateful Europe, which owes everything to thee, yet has almost forgotten thy name. The light, which thy children imparted to it, has become dimmed ; the warmth, whereby they vivified the societies which they founded and civilized by the Cross, has grown

* From Abbot Guéranger's "Année Liturgique," on the Feast of our Holy Father.

cold ; thorns have covered a great portion of the land in which they sowed the seed of salvation. Come and help thy own work, and, by thy prayers, keep in its expiring life. Consolidate what has been shaken ; and let a new Europe, a Catholic Europe, spring up in the place of that which heresy and false doctrines have made for us.

O Patriarch of the Servants of God, look down, from the height of Heaven, on the vineyard which thy hands have planted, and see into what desolation it has fallen. There was a time when thy name was honoured as that of a *Father*, in thirty thousand monasteries, from the shores of the Baltic to the borders of Syria, and from the Green Erin to the Steppes of Poland ; now, alas ! one hears no more than a few and feeble accents, ascending to thee from the whole of that immense patrimony, which the faith and gratitude of the people had consecrated to thee. The blighting wind of heresy has destroyed a part of these harvests of thy sainted glory, and avarice has coveted the rest ; for the work of dissolution has pursued its uninterrupted course,—at one time calling in to its aid the plea of political interests, at another, having recourse to open violence. Sainted Father of our Faith, thou hast been robbed of those thousands of sanctuaries which were, for long ages, the fountains of life and light to the people ; and the race of thy children is almost extinct. Watch over those who still remain to perpetuate thy Rule. An ancient tradition tells us how our Lord revealed to thee, that thy Order would last to the end of the world, that thy children would fight for the Holy Church of Rome, and would confirm the faith of many in the last trials of the Church. Deign to protect, by thy powerful arm, the remnants of that Family which still calls thee its *Father*. Raise it up again, multiply it, sanctify it ; let the *Spirit*, which thou hast deposited in thy Holy Rule, flourish amidst it ; and show, by thus blessing it, that thou art ever the *Benedict* of God.

Support the Holy Church, by thy powerful intercession, dear Father ! Assist the Apostolic See, which has been so often occupied by thy children. *Father of so many Pastors of the people*, obtain for us Bishops like those sainted ones whom thy Rule has formed. *Father of so many Apostles*, ask, for the countries which have no faith, preachers of the Gospel, who may convert the people by their blood and by their words, as did those who went out missionaries from thy cloisters. *Father of so many holy Doctors*, pray that the

science of sacred literature may revive, to aid the Church and confound error. *Father of so many sublime Ascetics*, rekindle the zeal for Christian perfection, which has grown so cold amidst the Christianity of our days. *Patriarch of the Religious Life in the Western Church*, bless all the Religious Orders which the Holy Spirit has given successively to the Church; they all look on thee with admiration, as their venerable predecessor; do thou pour out upon them all the influence of thy fatherly love.

Lastly, *O Blessed favourite of God*, pray for all the Faithful, that they may take courage from thy example and precepts; that they may learn to subdue the flesh, and bend it to the Spirit; that they may retire, from time to time, to think on the eternal years; that they may disengage their hearts and thoughts from the fleeting joys of the world in which they live. Catholic piety invokes thee as one of the patrons, as well as one of the models, of a dying Christian; and loves to tell men of the sublime spectacle thou didst present at thy death, when, standing at the foot of the altar, leaning on the arms of thy disciples, and scarce touching the earth with thy feet, thou didst give back, in submission and confidence, thy soul to its Creator. Obtain for us, dear Saint, a death courageous and sweet as thine. Drive from us, at our last hour, the cruel enemy who will try to ensnare us; visit us by thy presence, and leave us not until we have breathed forth our souls into the bosom of that God who made thee so glorious a Saint! Amen.

A BENEDICTINE MORNING INTENTION.*

TO THE BLESSED TRINITY.

O thrice holy, and ever blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! I, though unworthy of Thy divine presence, do humbly offer to Thy sovereign Majesty, the divine passion of my dearest Saviour, with every suffering of His internal soul and external virgin body; begging from my heart that my Cross may be sanctified by His; sincerely desiring to

* These English prayers are taken from a MS. in the Convent of our B. Lady of Consolation, O.S.B., at Stanbrook, Worcester, brought with them by the Community, when they were driven from Cambray, in the French Revolution, A.D. 1793.

suffer for Thy love, whatsoever Thy infinite goodness shall permit or inflict upon me this-day. Give me but Thy grace, sweet Jesus, to increase Thy glory without offence, and treat me as Thou pleasest.

TO OUR BLESSED LADY.

O blessed Queen of Heaven, and Mother of Mercy ! let me beseech thee, as thou esteemest the honour of God, thy own Immaculate Conception and privilege of being the mother of God, to be pleased, in my behalf, to present before the blessed Trinity every thought, word, and deed ; every affection and intention of thy own heart, whilst thou didst live on earth ; and obtain for me, that whatsoever I shall think, speak, or do, intend and suffer, may be purely for the honour of God, and of thee, His blessed mother. Amen.

TO OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

O blessed Patriarch, and dear Father Saint Benedict ! I humbly beg from the treasure of thy heart, thy holy spirit ; that I may live in the faithful observance of my rule, esteeming it the guide of my soul, and chief comfort of my heart. Amen.

TO OUR HOLY MOTHER SAINT SCHOLASTICA.

O blessed Saint Scholastica ! by the merits of thy innocent and pure life, obtain for thy poor child (client) the efficacious grace of my vocation, in a daily imitation of thy silence and recollection, and of thy spiritual discourse and union with God. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO THE SAINTS OF OUR ORDER.

O glorious Saints of our holy Order ! to your great charity I recommend all my religious observances and particular obediences, that, with your powerful help, I may regularly follow your example here on earth, and, by your intercession, be assisted at the hour of my death, and admitted into your society in heaven. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

TO OUR ANGEL GUARDIAN.

O Angel of God, my most loving and faithful guardian ! vouchsafe this day, and all the moments of my life, to keep my heart and body immaculate, that, in thy company, I may deserve to behold, love, and glorify the blessed Trinity. O glorious Angel, aid me efficaciously to observe my Rule,

that day and night, when thou showest my works to my Creator, He may delight Himself in my fidelity, for ever and ever. Amen.

AT NIGHT PRAYER.

O eternal Father! behold Thy beloved Son, in whom Thou art well pleased: pardon me what I am, and make me what I ought to be.

O Queen of Heaven and Earth, Mother of Mercy! made mother even unto me, the most miserable amongst sinners; vouchsafe ever to be a mother unto me, and obtain for me from thy dear Son Jesus, that I may live and die—

First, in His holy grace and favour, and in the daily increase thereof;

Secondly, in the sacred Order and profession of thy beloved servant, our holy Father Saint Benedict;

Thirdly, on the Cross with my Lord Jesus Christ, ever suffering for His sake in *what*, from *whom*, and *when* it shall be His holy will and pleasure.

Son of God, my only dear Crucified Lord! even as Thou knowest, and as Thy will is, be merciful unto me.

Let them only, O sacred Queen, cease to praise thy mercy, who, having ever faithfully called on thee, found themselves forsaken by thee in their necessities.

A RENOVATION OF THE VOWS.

TO GOD THE FATHER, omnipotent, creator, and preserver;—

TO GOD THE SON, only begotten, incarnate, crucified, and consealed in the Blessed Sacrament;—

TO GOD THE HOLY GHOST, inflamer, defender, and sanctifier;—

I give Thy divine Majesty humble thanks, that Thou hast created me, redeemed me, and made me a member of the holy Catholic Church, and a religious of the holy Order of our blessed Father Saint Benedict, and hast preserved me in the same. Wherefore I renew to Thy divine Majesty, before the most sacred Virgin Mary, my glorious Patriarch Saint Benedict, and the whole celestial court, my vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. Also, I offer up to Thee

all my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings, united with the thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings of my blessed Saviour ; all my corporal senses, both external and internal ; all the powers of my soul, my memory, understanding, will, and liberty, firmly purposing to offer them all to Thy greater honour and glory. Amen.

A MEDITATION FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

Take for the subject of your meditation,—

ON SUNDAY.

- First*, Jesus in the garden ; His profound humility.
 - Secondly*, in the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus reposes in humility.
 - Thirdly*, in our holy Rule, the twelve degrees of humility.
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THE MEDITATION FOR MONDAY.

- First*, how our Lord was spoiled of His purple garment, and left naked.
 - Secondly*, in the Blessed Sacrament He is deprived of His glory.
 - Thirdly*, in our holy Rule we are spoiled of our own will in body and soul.
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THE MEDITATION FOR TUESDAY.

- First*, the conversion of the good thief by one look of Jesus.
 - Secondly*, in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, the conversion of bread into the Body of our Lord, by the Sacramental words.
 - Thirdly*, in our holy Rule, the Conversion of manners.
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THE MEDITATION FOR WEDNESDAY.

- First*, the silence of Jesus in all His passion.
- Secondly*, His perpetual silence in the most Blessed Sacrament.
- Thirdly*, in our holy Rule is enjoined continual silence.

THE MEDITATION FOR THURSDAY.

First, the prayer that our Lord made on the Cross,
"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Secondly, in the Holy Sacrament Jesus prayeth always for us.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule we are told to go frequently to prayer.

THE MEDITATION FOR FRIDAY.

First, Consider those words, *"All is consummated"* and accomplished.

Secondly, in the holy Sacrament His obedience is accomplished.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule is prescribed punctual obedience.

THE MEDITATION FOR SATURDAY.

First, Jesus persevered in patience, even till He rendered His soul into the hands of His Father.

Secondly, in the holy Sacrament Jesus will persevere in patience, even till the end of the world.

Thirdly, in our holy Rule, our blessed Father says, that we must persevere, even till death, in the School of Jesus Christ, by means of participating in His patience and sufferings. Amen.

A MEDITATION FOR THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY
FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,

ON THE GIFT OF MEEKNESS; FROM THOSE WORDS OF THE
PSALM (XX. 4).

"Quoniam prævenisti eum in benedictionibus dulcedinis."

"For Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness."

PRELUDE.

Put yourself in the presence of God, and with Him behold with the eyes of your soul, our holy Father Saint Benedict.

Implore the benediction of the holy Trinity in making the sign of the Cross, and beg of our holy Father the assistance of his prayers.

The first point.

Consider how God prevented your Father in the benedictions, or blessings, of sweetness from his infancy ; wherein you behold three things : namely, that the beginning of your Father's life was sweetness,—the only inheritance of his children ; its progress, sweetness ; and its end, sweetness. Consider if you have this sweetness to God, to your neighbour, and to yourself ; whether your thoughts, words, affections, and actions, are sweet and agreeable to all ; and so you will see, whether you are the true child of Saint Benedict, and have in your heart, Jesus, who is sweetness itself ; and are fitly prepared to receive Him in the divine Sacrament of love and sweetness.

The second point.

Benedictionibus ; with benedictions, or blessings. Your Father is Benedict. His true children are Benedictines, that is, Benedicts, or blessed ones ; for to him, and to his children, is promised benediction, as to another Abraham and his seed. That which is blessed, increases in love like unto the stars of heaven, where nothing is barren, but where everything is fruitful as a flourishing olive-tree in the House of God. Saint Benedict showed in this grace, that he was, in very deed, the well-beloved of God, of angels, and of men ; sweet to all, and not offensive to any. So that, whensoever any great sweetness appeared in any one, they might well say, "This is one of the children of Saint Benedict, prevented with the benediction of sweetness." Think, without flattery, what you are. Examine whether you have not some particular manner in your actions different from others, which takes away the pleasure of your conversation, and which makes you, perhaps, less acceptable to God, to angels, and to men, and more proud in yourself. Endeavour to rectify it by the model of sweet Saint Benedict's holy Rule and Spirit.

The third point.

Consider, how, in order to relish sweetness well, we should first taste the bitter. The spouse of the Canticle of Canticles saith, that she will climb into the palm-tree, and

will gather its fruit. The common opinion of the Fathers is, that the palm-tree signifies the cross, mortification, patience, humiliation, and other pains; that by the fruit is understood that which a soul feels by mortification. And after a soul has gathered a bundle of myrrh,—made of the cross, and of all the instruments of the passion of Jesus,—and placed it in her bosom, between the breasts of her affections, suddenly her well-beloved becomes to her a sweet, lovely, and incorruptible balm; it being true that the least act of holy, religious mortification preserves sweetness incorruptible in the soul; and the balm of divine sweetness preserves in her a love of her spouse. Saint Benedict, clearly beholding this verity, would needs have his children, day and night, carry with them, and wear, the bundle of the myrrh of the Cross of Jesus Christ, which is their habit, and wage a ceaseless war with sensuality. For this end, he ordains so many mortifications and humiliations in his Rule, that the life of a Benedictine is a continual mortification, and imitation of their Father; whose sweet heart exulted and leaped for joy in the living God, and exhaled and breathed itself forth in a delicious perfume, standing supported by his beloved disciples before the altar of the God of love, and of sovereign sweetness. And from his triumphant throne in heaven is now, and always, ready to bless and embrace all his true children,—nay, even his repentant prodigal ones.

The colloquy to your blessed Father.

THE DEVOTION OF THE TEN TUESDAYS.*

One day, whilst our holy Father was rapt in most profound contemplation, an angel appeared to him and said,—“Demand of Almighty God whatever you most desire, and your request shall be granted.” At this offer, so free, so liberal, and so kind, Saint Benedict, in his humility, knew not what to answer, and remained silent. Whereupon, the angel declared that he brought him from

* Instituted by a devout Italian nun of the Order. Taken from a MS. translation at St. Mary's Abbey, Oulton, brought with them by the Community, when they were obliged to leave Ghent, in the French Revolution, A.D. 1794.

Almighty God five favours, which were five especial privileges for all of his order, viz. :—

FIRST, that his Order should continue and maintain itself to the end of the world.

SECONDLY, that at the end of the world it should govern the holy Catholic Church, by comforting the elect, and encouraging them in their Faith, at that time of extreme tribulation.

THIRDLY, that not one of his Order should perish, who should persevere in his call and vocation.

FOURTHLY, that whosoever persecuted his Order, unless afterwards repentant, should certainly come to an ill end.

FIFTHLY, that Almighty God would show especial favours and mercy to those who were friends and protectors of his holy Order and children.

Wherefore, since the Divine goodness is both able and willing, and is accustomed to grant such great graces in favour of our holy Father, who will not have recourse to his holy patronage and protection? Who will not be encouraged to hope for all things from his intercession? Who can be a friend to himself, and be concerned for his own advantage and gain, both temporal and eternal, without entertaining in his heart a most tender affection for this blessed Saint, and his holy Order?

To obtain the protection and intercession of our holy Father, the devotion of *The ten Tuesdays* is recommended. *Tuesday* is the day chosen, because that is the day which the Church has particularly dedicated to his memory; and the number *ten* is assigned, because the Saint was accustomed, ten times every hour, to adore upon his knees the following perfections of Almighty God; viz.—HIS POWER, WISDOM, GOODNESS, IMMENSITY, PROVIDENCE, JUSTICE, MERCY, BENEFICENCE, INFINITY, and CHARITY.

Adopt, then, this devotion, and constantly practise it every year during your whole life.

PRACTICES, ALL, OR ANY, OF WHICH, ARE SUITABLE FOR THE DEVOTION OF THE TEN TUESDAYS.

FIRST, to confess and communicate with devotion.

SECONDLY, to practise some penance, restraint, and mortification, more than usual, on this day.

THIRDLY, to recite before his image (if convenience will permit it), three *Paters* and *Aves*, with three *Glorias*, in thanksgiving to the blessed Trinity for the special favours

bestowed on him during his life, and for the high degree of glory to which he is exalted in heaven.

FOURTHLY, to reverence, particularly, the blessed Virgin, to whom Saint Benedict was all devoted, by reciting some prayers, or performing some devotion, in her honour, in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the favours bestowed on this blessed Saint, through her most powerful intercession; for her constant protection over the Order; and to beg a continuance thereof.

FIFTHLY, to (say, or) hear Mass in honour of the Saint; and to apply it, by way of suffrage, to that soul in purgatory which in life was most devoted to Saint Benedict.

SIXTHLY, to practise some particular charity to your neighbour and the poor, if you can; or, at least, to compassionate and pray for them.

SEVENTHLY, to add at least a quarter of an hour to your accustomed time of prayer, in meditating on the life and virtues of the Saint, or upon the duty and obligation of the religious state; and for another quarter of an hour to read, or meditate on, your Rule.

EIGHTHLY, to be exactly observant of silence, and on all occasions to mortify your senses; particularly by denying yourself, this day, some liberty thereof.

NINTHLY, to adore ten times a day the Divine perfections mentioned above; which may be done, by saying ten times the *Gloria Patri*, making ten genuflexions, or performing such other exterior acts, accompanied with an interior affection of the heart.

TENTHLY, to renew your promises and vows, made at your solemn profession; and to resolve, by the assistance of Almighty God, and the intercession of the Saint, a full and perfect amendment of all your failings; particularly of that which you know gives most offence and scandal to the community, and into which you are accustomed more frequently and easily to fall.

As a prayer to be said on each of the days, any one of the preceding "Various Prayers" may be used.

If this devotion of the Ten Tuesdays be observed as a preparation for the feast of our holy Father, it will occupy the Tuesdays that occur between the Feast of Saint Bennet Biscop (January 12th), and that of our holy Father. It may also be practised on the ten days that immediately precede it, beginning on the Feast of Saint Gregory the Great (March 12th), and ending on the Feast itself.

HYMNS IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER
SAINT BENEDICT,

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS, ETC.

I.

From the works of St. Peter Damian, O.S.B., Bp. Card. vol. iv.

Gemma cœlestis pretiôsa regis,	O, costly gem in God's celestial crown,
Norma justôrum, via monachôrum,	Benedict! the faithful guide of monk and saint,
Nos ab immûndi, Benedicte, mundi	On us, thy children, fondly deign look down,
Sûbtrahe cœno.	And guard our hearts from earth's corrupting taint.

Tuum solum spernens, cor in astra figens,	Severing the ties of earthly home, thy soul
Cogis hæredes fieri patentes,	Was ravished with the love of things divine :
Vas Deo plenum reparare fractum	The broken vessel, once again made whole,
Promeruisti.	Told what rich stores of merit then were thine.

Magnus in parvis Eremita membris,	Within thy gentle frame, thus early glowed
Vincis ætatem, superas laborem ;	A hermit's soul ; hushed was the passion's strife :
Arcta districtæ rudimenta vitæ	With heart inflamed you trod the thorny road,
Fervidus imples.	And scaled the lofty steep of mystic life.

Strage saxorum puerum sepultum	The boy, entombed beneath the sunken wall,
Mox ut orâsti, prece suscitâsti,	One fervent prayer was potent to restore ;

Sensus hinc carni, caro sanitáti Rédditur æquè.	And to that mangled frame the life recall, And to those cheeks the bloom that erst they wore.
Jure subblándæ spécie col- lumbæ, Nésciam fellis ánimam so- rórís, Summa stelláti penetráre cœli Cúlmina cernis.	Beneath the emblem of a gen- tle dove, Thou seest thy sister's spirit take its flight, Borne on the wings of pure seraphic love, To realms resplendent with celestial light.
Ipse post clarum réferens triúmphum, Celsa devicto petis astra mundo, Luce flammántem radiánte cellam Pállia sternunt.	A like glad triumph was for thee anon,— Life's struggles o'er, to God thy spirit fled ; Around thy cell the stars serenely shone, And o'er thy path their flaming mantles spread.
Laus honor Patri, parilíque Proli Una Majéstas, éadem Po- téstas, Cum quíbus Sanctus simul implet omnem Spíritus orbem. Amen.	To Father, and to Son, in majesty And power the same, be praise and glory given ; And to the Holy Ghost, who, with them both, Diffuses life and love through earth and heaven. Amen. (J. W. R.)

II.

A FILIAL ASPIRATION TO OUR HOLY FATHER ST. BENEDICT.

From *Ascesis Posthuma*, Dom. Ignatii Clavenau, O.S.B., vol. i.

Alme Pater Benedícte, O, Benedict ! our Father
blest !

Miles Christi nunquam victē, Turris obediētiæ !	Soldier of Christ, in peace and rest Obedience's chief !
Audi miserum cliētem	Thy wretched client deign to hear,
Tuam legem profitētem, Locum da clemētiæ.	Teach me thy holy law to bear, And give my wants relief.
Tuum curro sub vexillum,	Beneath thy banner's shade I run ;
Desolatum me pupillum, Pater cito sūscipe.	Thy desolate, yet willing son, O ! Father, quick receive.
Ne me hujus furibūdi, Rápiant procéllæ mundi, Sinu tuo éxcipe.	While earthly storms my soul alarm, The shield of thy protecting arm O ! may I never leave.
Doce terram aspernári, Et divína contemplári, Summá diligētiá.	Then teach me worldly things to spurn ;— On things divine my mind to turn, With true and ardent love.
Voluntátem abnegáre, Christum solum adamáre Totá meá ánimá.	O ! teach me how to curb my will ; My heart, and mind, and soul to fill With love of Christ above.
Pro me semper Deum ora, Sed præcípue in horá Mortis fer auxílium.	For me to God for ever pray, And at my death—that fearful day— Bring not thy aid in vain.
Votis meis ut servátis, Ad regnum beatitátis Evehar perpétuum. Amen.	That then, my vows with glory blest, My weary soul in peace and rest With Thee may ever reign. Amen. (T. B. S.)

III.

THE HYMN AT MATINS ON THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY
FATHER.*

Quidquid antiqui cecinere vates,	Whate'er the tuneful prophets teach,
Quidquid æternæ moni- ménta legis,	Whate'er the Law of olden days,
Cóntinet nobis celebránda summi	Great monarch of ascetic mul- titudes !
Vita monárchæ.	Thy life displays !
Extulit Mosen pietas beníg- num,	A glorious progeny is Abra- ham's boast ;
Inclytum proles Abraham decórat,	Meekness in Moses shone ;
Isaac sponsæ decus, et sevéri	Faultless obedience and a beauteous spouse
Jussa paréntis.	Were Isaac's crown ;
Iipse virtútum cúmulis onústus,	But our exalted heavenly patri- arch,
Célsior nostri patriárcha cœtus,	Immeasurably blest,
Isaac, Mosen, Abraham sub uno	Concentres all their glory, virtue, praise,
Péctore clausit.	In his sole breast !
Iipse, quos mundi rápuit procéllis,	O ! may his arm of might, that caught us up
Hic pius flatu státuat se- cúndo :	From the world's stormy tide,
Pax ubi nullo requiesque gliscit	Keep us evermore, where hal- cyon calm
Mista pavóre.	And peace abide.

* The Hymns marked E. C., together with the Sequence in the Mass for St. Benedict, and the Hymns in the Vespers of the same Feast, and of All Saints, are taken, by permission, from Father Caswall's "Masque of Mary, and other Poems."

Glória Patri, genitæque	Glory eternal to the Father
Proli,	be,
Et tibi compar utriusque	And sole-begotten Son ;
semper	
Spiritus alme, Deus unus	With Thee, great Paraclete,
omni	eternal Three !
Témpore sæcli.	And trinal One ! Amen.
Amen.	(E. c.)

IV.

THE HYMN AT LAUDS, ON THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY
FATHER.*

Inter æternas súperum	Of all eternity's bright dia-
corónas,	dem,
Quas sacro partas rétinent	In Faith's high combat won,
agóne,	
Emicas celsis méritis corús-	Brighter than thine, celestial
cus,	Benedict,
O Benedicte !	There glitter none.
Sancta te compsit púerum	Pleasure in thee had nought ;—
senéctus :	the grace of age
Nil sibi de te rápuit vo-	Was o'er thy boyhood
lúptas,	shed ;
Aruit mundi tibi flos, ad	All dust to thee the world's
alta	fair bloom, whose heart
Mente leváto.	To heaven had fled.
Hinc fugá lapsus pátriam,	Country and home abandoned,
paréntes	for the depths
Déservis, fervens némorum	Of the lone forest rude ;
colónus,	
Edomas carnem, subigís-	There, while to Christ thy
que Christo,	soul self-mastering,
Tortor acérbus.	The flesh subdued ;

* Composed by St. Peter the Venerable, Abbot of Clugny. (See "Bibliotheca Cluniacensis," Lutetiæ Parisiorum, A.D. 1614, p. 1350.)

Ne diu tutus látebras fo- véres, Signa te produnt óperum piórum, Spárgitur felix céleri per orbem Fama volátu.	Lo ! thee unknown, thy peer- less miracles A saint of God display ; And forth through all the world thy glory speeds, On wings of day.
(Glória Patri, Genitæque Proli, Et tibi compar utriúsque semper Spíritus alme, Deus unus omni Témpore sæcli. Amen.)	(Glory eternal to the Father be, And sole-begotten Son ; With Thee, great Paraclete, eternal Three ! And trinal One ! Amen.) (E. C.)

V.

CONTINUATION OF THE PRECEDING HYMN, AS COMPOSED
BY ST. PETER.

Fracta restaúras prece præ- poténti, Frangis oblátum cruce mortis haustum ; Currit ignárus Mónachus per undas, Patre jubénte.	Thy prayer renews the sieve ; the Cross's sign Reveals the deadly drink : Thou spokest the word, and Maurus treads the waves, Nor fears to sink.
Vérberas fratrem, fugit hostis atrox : Ad manus ferrum redit e profúndo ; Præcipis rupi, vomit illa rivos Arva rigántes.	Thou strikest the monk,—the black fiend flies ; the deep Its axe restores to hand : Thou strikest the rock, and fertilizing streams Gush o'er the land.
Ales agréstis sibi jussa com- plet, Lora constricti piè visa solvis :	Thy look unbinds the captives' bonds ; thy voice The gentle birds obey :

Cónspicis mundum rádío sub uno, Raptus ad astra.	In heaven's light, thou seest the world beneath One solar ray.
Mórtuum vitæ révocas pre- cándo, Corda multórum pénetras prophéta :	Thy prayer awakes the slum- bering dead ; the depths Of hearts thou fathomest :
Cernis ad cœlos ánimas levári Clarificátus.	Thine eyes can trace the soar- ing spirit's flight To mansions blest.
Laudet exúltans Déitas creátrix, Te chori nostri júbilus per- énnis :	O'er thee may God His glory spread ; thy praise Inspire our earthly song :
Quem poli jungas súperis choréis, Quæsumus omnes. Amen.	Thy children all, fond saint ! at length unite To God's bright throng. Amen. (J. W. B.)

VI.

FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF
OUR HOLY FATHER INTO FRANCE.

BY THE SAME.

Clarís conjúbila Gállia cán- tibus, Lætérís Benedícti Patris óssibus :	Through all thy land, fair France ! sing hymns of joy, For with a peerless treasure art thou blessed !
Felix quæ grémio cóndita próprio Servas membra celé- bria.	The saintly bones of saintly Benedict, Within thy hallowed soil have sought their rest.
Miris Itália fúlserat ácti- bus, Gallos irrádiat córpore mórtuus ;	Italy beheld, in life, his splen- dour bright ; France sees, in death, his wonder-working hand ;

- Signis ad tûmulum cré- And from his tomb irradiates
brius émicat, a light,
Illústrans pátriam no- That sheds its beams o'er his
vam. adopted land.
- Hinc vatum vétêrum facta Once more are wrought the
resúscitat, wondrous deeds of old ;
Morti quod líbuit mórtuus The dead commands, and
ímpérat : death gives back its prize !
Extíntum própriis óssibus How great the virtue of that
éxcitat ; sacred touch,
O quàm mira poténtia ! Which caused the sleeping
dead to wake, and rise !
- Navis per flúvium nat sine The bark that bears along
rémige, those dear remains,
Mirándo gláciem díssecat Nor oar, nor sail impels
ímpetu, along its way ;
Sancti membra ferens óbvia Boldly it rides against the
flúmini, rushing stream,
Undas retrò revér- Or cleaves the ice that would
berat. its course delay.
- Edúctum flúvio sensit ut The land is gained ; when,
árida, lo !—despite the frost,
Non curans géli di frígora And winter's chilly blasts,—
témporis, the saintly dead
Vestit cuncta novis illicò Calls forth the vernal flowers,
flóribus and all around,
Mutátâ fácie soli. O'er Nature's face, a verdant
bloom is spread.
- Jam cœlo résidens, O Pater O, Father dear ! from thy
óptime, high seat of bliss,
Divinis fámulos ímbue ré- Implant thy holy spirit in
gulis ; our breast,
Angústum per iter scán- And guide us safe, along that
dere lárgiens, narrow path,
Dona regna perénnia. That leads us on to realms
of endless rest.
- Cunctórum dómínans Om- Omnipotence supreme ! who
nipoténtia, rulest all,
Tu, qui sede poli cónspicis And from Thy lofty throne
ómnia : dost search our ways,

<p>Psalléntum placidè súscipe cántica, Votis, voce precántia. Amen.</p>	<p>In mercy deign to hear our psalmody, That wafts on high the voice of prayer and praise.</p>
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Amen.
(J. W. R.)

VII.

FROM "HYMNI SACRI ET NOVI" OF V. SANTEUIL, CAN. REG.
S. AUG.

<p>Desérta, valles, lustra, soli- túdines, Satis sub altá nocte, sub nigrá specu Celástis olim, quando terris dégeret, Qui nunc Olýmpo fulget inter cœlites.</p>	<p>Ye deserts, groves, and path- less solitudes, Tell of the scenes ye witnesséd of old ! When in your wild and gloomy haunts ye bore Him, who now reigns midst joys that are untold.</p>
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<p>Quis ille, testes nam fuístis, dicite ; Quot saxa fuis irrigárit flétibus, Et vestra, quantis et qui- bis suspíriis Turbárit hospes hic novus, siléntia ?</p>	<p>Tell ! how with streams of tears he oft bedewed Your rocky soil, whence smiling flowers arose ; Tell ! how with sighs and groans he oft disturbed The sacred silence of your stern repose.</p>
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<p>Et tu fidélis, tot labórum cónscia Spelúnca, vivi ceu sepúl- crum córporis, Tuis sub umbris, quanta, dic, affúlserit Pro sole mundi, solis æténi dies.</p>	<p>Thou, faithful cavern ! that alone couldst know Those wondrous labours, nobly undergone ; Tell us ! how bright, around that sacred head, Amidst thy gloom, the rays of glory shone.</p>
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<p>Sedárit ille quo cibo duram famem, Sitímq̃ue longam quo levá- rit pócúlo,</p>	<p>Say, with what food are na- ture's wants relieved ! Say, with what cup he quenched his long-borne thirst.</p>
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- Quo membra lecto stráverit
languéntia,
Quinam sodáles, et quibús-
cum víxerit.
- Tell, on what couch his weary
limbs reposed !
Tell, if with men or angels he
conversed !
- Quo mundus ardet, et quod
ardénter colit,
Sordébat illi, floris instar
áridi ;
Terréna grandi cuncta de-
spéctans fide,
Noctes, diésque cógitat
cœléstia.
- What worldlings covet,—glory,
riches, birth,—
He held as dross, or as the
fading flowers ;
In his great soul, despising
things of earth,
Midst heaven's joys he spends
the fleeting hours.
- Ne prava lædant criminum
contágia,
Romam, sodáles, et suos,
et se fugit :
Te Christe, solum scire, te
studet sequi
Prudens, et altá doctus ig-
norántiá.
- Lest his chaste soul should feel
the taint of crime,
From Rome, from kindred,—
yea, from self,—he flies ;
Burning alone with love of
things divine,
Schooled not in letters, yet
most deeply wise.
- Tutus profúndis non satis
recéssibus,
Ne quid parúmper turbet
atténtum Deo,
Prærúpta quærit, et specus
impérvias
Semet relínquit jam relic-
tis ómnibus.
- Then, leaving self and all things
else behind,
He seeks a home midst soli-
tudes untrod ;
Far from the haunts of sinful
human kind,
Rapt in the mystic vision of
his God.
- Patri perénne sit per ævum
glória,
Tibique laudes totus orbis
cócincinat,
Ætérne nate, splendor
ætérni Patris :
Compar sit almo laus de-
cúsque Flámini. Amen.
- To Thee, Eternal Father !
glory be,—
To Thee, O Son ! our suppliant
voice we raise,—
O Holy Ghost ! of equal ma-
jesty,
Receive the homage of our love
and praise. Amen.

(J. W. B.)

VIII.

FROM THE SAME.

Ille, quo terris duce mili- támus, Intrat ætérnas Benedíctus arces :	With gladsome hymns the festal joys we sing, Great champion of our fight!
Annuos hujus celebrémus hymnis Ritè triúmphos.	This day in triumph Benedict ascends The realms of light.
Hic Deo plenus puer, al- tióres Cóncaavæ rupis fugit in recéssus :	Whilst yet a gentle boy, alone, he sought The solitudes untrod ;
Nil domûs splendor, nec opes, nec obstat Móllior ætas.	Not tender age, not home, nor wealth could tear His soul from God.
Vilis arébat decor iste mundi, Passa jam longos velut herba soles ;	As herbage parched beneath a summer's sun, He held this world of ours ;
Nóverat pulchris male de- liténtem Flóribus anguem.	He saw the wily serpent coiled beneath The sweetest flowers.
Factus immánis novus hospes antri, Nil Deum præter videt ; hunc profunda Cónsulit, rerum strépitu silénte, Mentis in aulâ.	Enshrined within that rugged cave, alone On God he fixed his gaze ; All clamour hushed, his inmost soul adored His wondrous ways.
Ille dum secum, sine fine longos Cómputat vitæ melióriis annos, Cuncta confúndens, fugiént- tis ævi Témpora nescit.	And there, unceasingly, he counted o'er Those endless years of bliss ; Rapt in yon future world, he nothing knew That chanced in this.

Invidus totas movet hostis artes; Obsidet, turbat, júvenem lacéssit, Ossibus miscet male blan- diéntis Sémina flammæ.	But, lo! the tempter all those wiles displays That sin and sorrow bring; And in his chaste and youthful frame implants A deadly sting.
Sensit ut cæcos malesános ignes, Se per hirsútos agitáre vepres Cœpit; abscédens láceros volúptas Hórruit artus.	He felt the secret wound; and on the earth He rolled, midst brier and thorn; The demon foiled, brooked not those bleeding limbs, Mangled and torn.
Nostra Te summum céle- brent Paréntem Ora, te summo génitum Parénte; Par sit ambórum Tibi laus per omne, Spíritus, ævum. Amen.	Eternal King—Parent of all!— to Thee Our suppliant hearts we raise; To Thee, Eternal Son!—blest Paraclete, to Thee!— Be endless praise. Amen. (J. W. B.)

IX.

FROM THE SAME.

Surge, 'quid cessas? Bene- dicte, prodi E tuo demum redivívus antro; Pósceris mundo, tua te revélat Cógnota virtus.	Rise, gentle hermit! from thy desert rock, Return once more to earth; The nations call—no darksome cave can hide Thy priceless worth.
Te decet sacros reparáre cultus; Te rudes morum répetunt magístrum;	Thine be the task the Church's wounds to heal! And, 'neath the yoke of Truth,

- Pro tuo spondent dóciles To bend the neck of rude and
 alúmni,
 Vivere nutu. stubborn age,
 And gentle youth.
- Viva lux ægros necat in- Thy light was death to some ;
 tuéntes : the shades of darkness fled
 Nescius flecti sibi fecit Where'er its radiance fell ;
 hostes :
 Mors propinátur : crucis The poisoned cup was shiver-
 icta signo ed, when it knew
 The cross's spell.
- Cedit ingrátis fugitívus Then to the barren rock, and
 oris ; lonesome cave,
 Se suæ nocti, latebrisque The saint departs once more ;
 reddit,
 Liber, exúltans habitáre There, in sweet solitude, eter-
 secum, nal joys
 To ponder o'er.
- Quo ruis præceps ? tibi Stay, gentle Father !— thus
 numen obstat : kind Heaven cries—
 Non potest tantum latitáre Seek not those haunts
 lumen. again ;
 Prole debétur tibi pro re- For faithful sons shall cluster
 bólli, round thee yet,
 A countless train.
- Impio dudum temeráta O'er Cassin's mount, with im-
 culta pious rites defiled,
 Lustra Cassini petis alta The Church's flag unfurl ;
 montis :
 Ultor infámes, Erebro fre- And from their ancient seats,
 ménte, those shrines accursed
 Thine arm shall hurl.
- Hic novos ritus, nova tem- There build new temples ;—
 pla ponis ; thence, o'er nations, shed
 Bárbaras Christum resonáre The glorious light of God ;
 gentes
 Hic doces ; sese fera corda There teach proud hearts to
 per te feel the rein, and bend
 Beneath thy rod.
- Súbdere discunt.

Hic tuæ prolis, pater alme,	Nurtured beneath thy fostering
cunæ ;	care, sweet saint !
Quæ vagos cœli radiantis	Thence shall an offspring
ignes,	rise,
Ex maris vasti número ca-	Vast as the sands that line the
rêntes	deep, or stars
Vincet arénas.	That deck the skies.

Hæc erat tellus tibi desti-	Behold the spot destined by
nâta ;	God for thee ;—
Hic patrem sancti pópuli	There, 'neath that sacred
futúrum,	mount,
Monte sub sacro, própior	Father of saintly peoples ! thou
docébit	shalt drink
Te Deus intus.	From Wisdom's fount.

Régulam, cœlo prius appro-	Thence shalt thou draw that
bânte,	golden rule of life,
Scribis ; hæc vitæ spéciem	Sweet guide to peace and
beâtæ :	rest,—
Tota mens patris viget hic ;	Those loving precepts may we
patérna	ever keep,
Jussa sequámur.	O Father blest !

Nostra Te summum céle-	Eternal King—Parent of all!—
brent Paréntem	to Thee
Ora, Te summo Génitum	Our suppliant hearts we
Parénte ;	raise ;
Par sit ambórum tibi laus	To Thee, Eternal Son !—blest
per omne,	Paraclete, to Thee !
Spíritus, ævum.	Be endless praise. Amen.
Amen.	(J. W. B.)

X.

FROM THE SAME.

Te probant terris manifestâ	Far-sounding wonders tell on
signa ;	earth thy power,—
Ut jubes, jussis eleménta	Nature her laws reversed at
parent :	thy command ;

- Advolat Maurus, solidós-
que fidens
Ambulat amnes.** With prompt obedience Mau-
rus seeks the lake,
And treads its waters as the
solid land.
- Rupe de durâ súbitò li-
quéntes
Elicis rivos ; loca sicca sta-
gnant :
Jussa mors primæ redivíva
luci
Córpora reddit.** Thou spokest the word, and
from the rugged rock
Streamlets gush forth, and
bathe the arid earth :
Stern Death, when bade, lets
go his iron grasp,
And gives to forms once his, a
second birth.
- Régio dum se Gothus appa-
rátu,
Prædicat regem, simulántis
artes
Détegis ; diro metuénda
pandis
Fata tyránno.** In vain the Goth, in regal
garments decked,
Seeks to deceive thee, feigning
him a king ;
To the real tyrant, not the
counterfeit,
Thou tellest the dreadful fates
that time will bring.
- Aspicias solis rádio sub uno
Vana collécti simulácra
mundi :
Cuncta decréscunt, Deus
unus imo
Péctore crescit.** All the vain phantoms of this
chequered life,
Beneath one solar ray he sees
compressed ;
All else grows dim, whilst
God—and He alone—
Absorbs his gaze, and fills his
ardent breast.
- Præscius mortis prope jam
futúræ,
Ut novas vires animósque
sumat,
Páscitur Christo, solidáque
pastus
Fervet ab escá.** Forewarnéd that his course is
soon to end,
With courage to renew his
sinking frame
The Bread of Life he takes ;
forthwith his soul
Is all on fire with love's con-
suming flame.
- Flebat adstántium pia tur-
ba fratrum ;** The choir of brethren, weep-
ing, stand around,

Ille gaudébit properáre coelo, Visa, quâ transit, radiâre longa Sémita lucis.	Whilst he his soul breathes forth in joy and peace, A ray of dazzling brightness gilds the sky, And marks its passage to the realms of bliss.
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Quâ viâ celsas tibi pandis arces, Fac tuos illâ, Pater, ire natos, Et, tuâ tandem prece, nos beâtis Cœtibus adde.	To that bright land may we thy sons aspire, And tread the path that erst by thee was trod ; Assist us, holy Father, by thy prayer, And draw us after thee to reign with God.
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Nostra Te summum céle- brent Paréntem Ora, Te summo Génitum Parénte ; Par sit ambórum Tibi laus per omne, Spíritus, ævum. Amen.	Eternal King—Parent of all ! to Thee Our suppliant voice do we in homage raise ; To Thee, Eternal Son !—blest Paraclete !— To Thee ! all glory be, for end- less days. Amen. (J. W. B.)
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XI.

THE FOLLOWING HYMNS ARE TAKEN FROM "HYMNI LATINI
MEDII ÆVI." *

Benedícti præcónia Prosequántur discípuli, Qui post ejus vestígia Florem spreveré sæculi.	Let all who glory in the name Of Benedict's blest sons, re- joice ; And, earth despising, loud pro- claim His praises with exulting voice.
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* By F. J. Mone, vol. iii. Friburgi, Brisgoviae. There are a few others in the same collection which are not suitable for the "Manual." The one that immediately follows is No. 835 in the above work.

E Núrsiá progénitus	In Nursia born, he there had spent
Purè transit infántiam,	In innocence his childhood's days,
Inspirátus divínitùs	When, heaven directed, forth he went,
Mundum liquit et pá- triam.	And fled from worldly ties and praise.
Nutricis fletum intuens,	His nurse's tears he, pitying, sees ;
Fractum refórmát vás- culum,	Miraculously her sieve re- pairs ;
Laudes humánas réspuens,	To caverned rocks, from fame, then flees,
Specùs petit latibulum.	To spend his hours in silent prayers.
Exit ardens cum lúmine ;	Inflamed with zeal, those prayers he leaves,
Fratrum dispónit cèl- lulas,	With cells his followers to provide ;
Edóctus non ab hómine,	A code of laws from heaven receives,
Sacras compónit régulas.	To be to bliss their certain guide.
De petrâ fontes elicit,	From stubborn rocks he water draws ;
Unda calcátur pédibus,	Obedient to the word he gave
Corvus mandáta perfícit,	Even iron swims ; the birds his laws
Ferrum natat in flúcti- bus.	Fulfil, and Maurus treads the wave.
In morte dolet æmuli,	A rival's death he sore be- wails ;
Defúnci redivit hálitus,	To life by prayer restores the dead ;
Curat languóres pópuli,	O'er death and pestilence pre- vails ;
Farína datur cœlitùs.	The hungry fills with saving bread.

Colléctum mundum cón-	The universe his glance per-
spicit,	vades ;
Corda scrutátur hómi-	The secrets of the heart he
num,	knows ;
Præsens futúra próspect,	Unveils the future's darkest
	shades ;
Vitæ prædicít términum.	Of life foretells the uncertain
	close.
Transit in fratrum mánibus,	At death, before his children's
	view,
Scandit lucis per sémi-	Hemounts to heaven through
tam ;	paths of light ;
Præsta, Pater, sequéntibus	Kind Father ! let their feet
	pursue
Te sequi per hanc órbi-	Thy footsteps to those realms
tam.	so bright.
Jesu, sanctórum glória,	Jesus ! of saints the blessed
	prize,
Tibi sit benedíctio,	To Thee let endless praise
	be given ;
Benedíctis nos sócia	And through our Saint's sweet
	prayers and sighs,
Benedícti suffrágio.	Grant us the bliss of saints
Amen.	in heaven. Amen.
	(J. K.)

XII.

FROM THE SAME.*

In Benedícti laúdibus	The hymn of joy, the song of
	praise,
Psallámus claris vóci- bus	Let us with voice resounding
	raise ;
Summo regi præcónia	And, to our God, this blessed
	day,
Devóti cordis débita.	Of grateful hearts the tribute
	pay.

* No. 836.

Ultrò solvéntes ánnua	Whilst, with devoted love, each year
Nostri Patris solémnia,	We homage to our Founder bear,
Qui vitæ normam móri- bus	Who taught Christ's flocks the path of sin
Liquit Christi fidélibus.	To shun, and life eternal win.
Adhuc infans nutriculæ	In childhood's days he gives relief
Suæ compássus íntimè,	To his fond nurse's poignant grief,
Vas, quod incaútè fré- gerat,	And as her broken sieve she mourns,
Extéplò hic resólidat.	To her kind hands it whole re- turns.
Igitur, ne sic péreat	And then, afraid lest empty praise
Laúdibus, abrenúnciat	Should lead him into sinful ways,
Ejus natáli pátriæ,	He boldly follows grace's call,
Hábitans se grátia.	And leaves for God, his home, his all.
Nil scire ducens cómmo- dum	Deep in the Cross's mystery taught,
Nisi crucis mystérium,	No other knowledgé now he sought ;
Philosophiæ réspuit	From proud philosophy he turned,
Arguménta, nec dídicit.	And all its light and wisdom spurned.
Ergo Maurus vestigia	By his example safely led,
Magístri sequens árdua,	His followers in his footsteps tread ;
Qui in obediéntiâ	And, in obedience perfect still,
Expértus est mirácula.	Even signs and miracles fulfil.
Cùm ad Patris impérium	Thus at his master's high be- hest,

Mox eleméntum liquidum	Maurus, with faith confiding blest,
Transcúrens, velut sólí- dum,	Along the waters walks, and saves
Mersúmque traxit Pláci- dum.	His brother Placid from the waves.
Nunc patrum concors cón- cio	And now, let all unite in love,
Devôtè laudet áded,	With earnest prayers our God to move,
Ut impetret a Dómino,	That, in our holy Father's train,
Poli nos jungi gaúdio.	We may celestial joys obtain.
Benedicámus Dómino,	Blest be the God of Unity!
Laudétur Sancta Trínitas,	Blest be the Holy Trinity!
De Benedicto sérvulo	Yes! let high praise and thanks to Heaven
Deo dicámus grátias.	For Benedict's great name be given. Amen.
Amen.	(J. K.)

XIII.

FROM THE SAME.*

Ad laudem summi Prín- cipis	On this 'auspicious day let's raise
Hymnum canámus hódìe,	A song of triumph to our King;
Atque Mariæ Virgínis	And, Mother of Mercy! of thy name
Matris misericórdiæ.	The glories bright, let's jointly sing.
Benedíctus a Dómino,	For, dearly loved, and greatly blest,
Deo Patri et Fílio,	By God the Father and the Son,—

Atque Sancto Paráclito, Gaudet ætérno júbilo.	As likewise by the Para- clete,— Our saint eternal joys has won.
Gaudet divína Trínitas De Benedícto hódíè, Atque Christi humánitas Concépta sine sémíne.	The Trinity, in Godhead one, The Word made flesh by power divine, With joy behold our saint's renown, This day in boundless glory shine.
Gaudet cœléstis cúria De Benedícto fámulo, Atque mater Ecclésia Cum Románo império.	The heavenly hosts, and holy Church, Wherever spreads the Ro- man name, For Benedict's renown rejoice, And with glad eyes behold his fame.
Gaudent sancti archángeli De Benedícti Ordine, Et univérsi ángeli, Cœléstes sine crimíne.	Archangels bright, and angels pure, From earthly stain of sin all free, In his great Order's spotless life Their own bright state re- flected see.
Gaudent sancti apóstoli, Confessóres et vírgines, De régulâ sanctíssimi Benedícti, et Vírginis.	To praise the rule of life he gave, (Our Blessed Mother's sweet delight) The apostles' choir, and vir- gins mild, With holy confessors unite.
Gaudet tota Itália, Cum omni suo pópulo, Atque fidélis Núrsia, De suo primogénito.	Italia too, and all her tribes, With faithful Nursia, join their voice, Its first-born saint exultingly To praise, and in his fame rejoice.

Gaudeámus in Dómino	And we, who, in our persons bear
Nos omnes veri cléríci,	Of priests and monks the dignity,
De Benedícto mónacho,	Let's bless the Lord, for Bene- dict's
Et omnes sancti mónachi.	Sweet innocence and purity.
Hic tactus sacro lúmine	Guided by Heaven's unerr- ing light,
Omnem errórem réspuit,	Secure from error's snares he trod,
Hic totum mundum ré- nuit,	And, alighting this world's wealth and pride,
Et semper dives éxstitit.	Found riches in the love of God.
O divína cleméntia !	Thou source of mercy ! wis- dom's fount !
O summa sapiéntia !	Who didst declare with sweetest love,
Quæ fecit talem hóminem	Though poor in wealth, how rich in grace
Esse dívitem paúperem. Amen.	Thy servant Benedict could prove. Amen.

(J. K.)

XIV.

(CONTINUATION OF THE SAME HYMN.)

Hic vir in terrá hábitans,	Human nature far excelling,
In cœlis semper méditans,	With angelic virtues blest,
Hic vir, non vir, sed án- gelus,	Though on earth our saint is dwelling,
Omni virtúte præditus.	Still in heaven his thoughts find rest.
Tu divinórum hóminum	Holy men of every Order
Coróna es, et ómnium ;	Find in him their crown and pride ;

Per te fides cathólica	Through the earth's most distant border
Nitet per mundi climata.	• Faith through him shines far and wide.
Hic pater verè inclytus, Hic spíritus seráphicus,	With seraphic fire all glowing, Sent by Him who rules above,
Hic est in carne ángelus,	Angels' bliss on earth bestowing,
A Deo missus coelitus.	Pure, he taught the ways of love.
De ejus plenitúdine	In his ardent virtue's splendour
Totus mundus irrádiat,	Shines the world with fuller light,
De magno suo Ordine	In his Order's wide-spread grandeur
Repléta est Ecclésia.	Mother Church finds her delight.
Hic est secútus régulam	Ever heavenly doctrines teaching,
Divínám, apostólicam, In potu, cibo, véstibus,	An apostle's life he lived ; Fasting, praying, always preaching
Atque virtúte, móribus.	Truths he rom above received.
Tuis devótis fámulis	To the assistance, dearest Father,
Prestò, mi Pater, súbveni,	Of thy children come apace,
Ut précibus contínuis	That they may from thy love gather
Sint tuo amóre férvidi.	Strength to run in Virtue's race.
Tu moniáles vígiles	And, that with the heart's deep motion
Devótas fac, et húmiles ;	Virgins' lips may sing to thee,

Ut te devòtè, sèdulè,	Grant the gift of pure devo-
Te laudent, Benedicte !	tion,— • Grant them sweet humility.
Quæso, O Pater inclyte,	Yes, from sin's contamination,
Benedicte dulcissime !	From all evil guard them well ;
Ipsas devótas protége	That, at this life's termination,
Ab omni malo et crimine.	They in heaven with thee may dwell.
O lux mundi, et spéculum,	Light of every footstep weary !
Benedicte sanctissime !	Of Heaven's will thou brightest ray !
Ora pro nobis Dóminum,	Through this darksome world so dreary,
Lumen sancte Ecclesiæ !	Pray to God to guide our way.
Glória Patri Dómino,	Let us, with exulting spirits,
Et Benedicte mónacho,	Praise our father, guide, and friend ;
Qui cum Mariæ Fílio	Who, with Mary's Son, in- herits
Semper regnat cum gaudio.	Joys and bliss that never end.
Benedicámus Dómino,	Glory to the Lord of heaven !
Laudétur Sancta Trínitas ;	Glory to the Trinity !
De Benedicte sèrvulo	For our saint's renown be given
Deo dicámus grátias.	Thanks through all eternity.
Amen.	Amen. (J. K.)

XV.

FROM THE SAME.*

Christe, Fili Jesu Summi,	Jesus, Thou Son of God Most High!
mentes nostras visita,	And Thou, Blest Spirit!
Coæquâli Patri, atque	whose pure name,
Nato, alme Spîritus,	With God the Father, and the Son,
Una virtus, lumen unum,	Possesses equal power and fame,—
Deus perpes ex Deo.	Visit our souls with grace di- vine, And round our hearts your love entwine.
Auge fidem puram nostris	Ever increase our languid faith,
semper clemens sênsi- bus,	True light unto our darkness bring;
Quo beâti Benedîcti	That we our Father's glory, praise,
colâmus solémnia,	With fervent lips this day may sing ;
Ut exémplum pii Patris	And, lest our wandering feet should stray,
ne desit discîpulis.	Grant us his precepts to obey.
Quem donâsti tuo, Christe,	O! teach us in his steps to tread,
coelésti cum múnere,	To shun all honours here below ;
Ut honórem mundi omnem	Ever to Thee our eyes to raise,
mente flocci pénderet,	Ever on Thee our thoughts bestow ;
Teque solum fontem vitæ	In Thee alone our trust to place,
diligeret pérpetis.	The source of love, of light, and grace.

* No. 838.

Alme Christi sempitérni	Great Confessor of Christ's sweet name,
Benedicte conféssor,	Blest Benedict ! thy power display :
Cum cæteris Dei Sanctis	And, joined with all the saints above,
nunc pro nobis súp- plica	To Him for us with ardour pray,
Christo quo dignétur esse	That our poor souls, for whom He gave
peccátis propítius.	His life, He may from peril save.
Doxa Deo Patri trinam	To God the Father, endless praise,
sit regénti máchinam,	Who rules the world His hands have made ;
Ejúsque Proli laus perpes	And to the Son, and Holy Ghost,
necnon Sancto Pneú- mati,	Be equal glory, honour paid ;
Trinis quibus in persónis	In essence One, in persons Three,
regnat una Déitas.	He reigns throughout eternity.
Amen.	Amen.

(J. K.)

XVI.

FROM THE SAME.*

Magno canéntes ánnua	O ! gently let our bosoms feel
Nunc Benedícto cántica,	The joys, that sweetly o'er them steal,
Fruámur hujus ínclýtæ	On this all glorious day !
Festivitátis gaúdiis.	When we our yearly tribute bring,
	And Benedict's great glories sing,
	That never shall decay.

* No. 839.

Qui fulsit ut sidus novum
Mundána pellens núbila,
Ætátis ipso límine
Despéxit ævi flórida.

Who, like a star that glitters
bright,
Brought to this world a purer
light,
Before which darkness flies;
And fleeing from the world's
gay smiles
In boyhood's days, resolved its
wiles,
And pleasures to despise.

Miraculórum præpotens,
Attáctus almo flámine,
Resplénduit prodígiis,
Ventúra sæclo præcinens.

Gifted by Heaven with powers
divine,
In signs and miracles to shine,
He prodigies displayed :
Inspired the future to unfold,
Its hidden truths he sure fore-
told,
Its secrets open laid.

Non ante sæclis cógnitum
Noctu jubar effúlserat,
Quo totus orbis cérnitur
Et hæc terra conspícitur.

Like some bright star, before
unseen,
That, o'er the firmament its
sheen
In glittering radiance
showers ;
Thus, as before men's eyes he
passed,
O'er this dark world, with night
o'ercast,
The light of heaven he
pours.

Sit Trinitáti glória,
Sit perpes et sublímitas,
Quæ tam lucérnam fúlgi-
dam
Donávit nostro sæculo.
Amen.

Let glory to the Trinity,
In Godhead one, in Persons
three,
Through endless years be
given ;
Who, to lost man, such mercy
showed,
And such a shining lamp be-
stowed,
To guide his way to
heaven. Amen.

(J. K.)

XVII.

FROM THE SAME.*

A Sequence.

Benedicte, mérita
 Ut reboéntur inclyta,
 Nostras mentes éxcita
 Prece piâ.

O, Blessed Saint ! through end-
 less days,
 That we to thee the song of
 praise,
 With joyous hearts and minds
 may raise,
 Most earnest pray.

Pátribus cum céteris
 Pater verè diceris,
 Tuis datus pósteris
 Lux et via.

We hail thee Patriarch ! for
 thee,
 Like those of old, the Deity
 Bestowed on thy posterity
 To light their way.

Tu Enoch dulcédine,
 Tu Noe regímine,
 Abraham cum sémine
 Benedíctus.

With Enoch's gentle spirit
 blest,
 With Noah's wisdom in thy
 breast,
 An Abraham in thy seed con-
 fessed,
 With joy we see.

Isaac obédiens,
 Jacob multa pátiens,
 Et Joseph proficiens
 Verè dictus.

Isaac's obedience, truly blind,
 And Jacob's patient, humble
 mind,
 With Joseph's dignity, we find
 Renewed in thee.

Moysees es régulis,
 Josue miráculis,
 Et David in pópulis
 Nominátus.

A lawgiver, like Moses meek,
 Like Josue, thy wonders
 speak ;
 David too, the peoples seek
 Thy guiding light.

* No. 842.

Sálonon prudéntiá,
Elias constántiá,
Elisæus cópiá
Farris datus.

Of Solomon, the prudent mind,
Elias' fortitude, the kind
Elizeus' charity, combined,
In thee unite.

Isaíæ véritas,
Jeremiæ caritas,
Daniélis castitas

Isaiah's truthful lips are thine :
While Jeremiah's love divine,
And Daniel's chastest spirit
shine

Recomméndat.

All pure in thee.

Te prophétis cóncium,

With martyrs' ardent zeal on
fire,

Apóstolis et sócium,*

Thy soul a prophet's thoughts
inspire ;

Tuúmque martýrium
Mens attendat.

A member of the apostles' choir
We hail in thee.

Tu conféssor nítidus,
Tu es virgo cándidus,
Cælum scandis spléndidus

A confessor in sanctity,
A virgin clothed in purity,
We see thee mount triumph-
antly,

Victor fortis.

To realms of love.

Nos tecum fac scándere

And when this earthly toil is
o'er,

Mundátos a scélere,

Grant that, the slaves of sin no
more,

Noli nos desérere

Our rescued souls through thee
may soar

Horá mortis.

To bliss above.

Amen.

Amen.

(J. K.)

*. Apostolis The *lacuna* supplied; *socium* suggested
by Mone.

XVIII.

FROM THE SAME.*

Christi favénte grátíâ,	With joyful minds and willing hearts,
Résonet plebs obnóxia	While Heaven its helping grace imparts,
Benedícti præcónia,	Let all, on this auspicious day,
Et tam festíva gaúdía.	To Benedict their homage pay.

Vir vitæ venerábilis,	Who, pure in thought, in virtue strong,
Virtútis ineffábilis,	Through life majestic moves along ;
Vir ópere laudábilis,	While miracles, that glorious shine,
Doctrína commendábilis.	His doctrines prove to be divine.

Ætas in puerílíbus	His years in innocence he spends,
Transit et cedit móribus,	As youth with age he sweetly blends ;
Spretis patérnis ómnibus	And, quitting home and all its ties,
Hæret supérnis cívibus.	Seeks for companions in the skies.

Rejéctâ sæculárium	This fleeting world he boldly spurns,
Curâ prætereúntium,	And from its cares and vices turns ;
Tollit moræ dispéndium,	For, when its evil ways he sees,
Mundum fugit et vítium.	Quick from its luring snares he flees.

* No. 843.

Spiritu duce ágitur,	Led by the Almighty's guid- ing hand,
In desértum addúcitur,	For peace he seeks a desert land,
Caro victa prostérnitur,	And, that the mind o'er all might sway,
Mentis legi subjícitur.	He forced his flesh his will to obey.

Régula vitæ scribitur,	A "Rule of life" he writes, to prove
Facto doctrína próditur,	How fruitful are the works of love ;
Fratrum cœtus adjícitur,	For countless followers soon appear,
Sanctum nomen effúnditur.	His glory through the world to bear.

Patris beáti mérito,	To God the Father, and the Son,
Laus, et honor Ingénito,	And Holy Ghost, blest Three in One,
Glória Unigénito,	Be honour, praise, and glory given
Virtus summa Paráclito.	In our saint's name, through earth and heaven. Amen.
Amen.	(J. K.)

XIX.

FROM THE SAME.*

Plenæ messis manípulis,	Surrounded by his followers' glorious bands,
Congregátis discipulis,	Like sheaves on harvest-day,
Miris splendet miráculis,	Our wonder-working Saint a beacon stands,
Viæ lucérna pópulis.	To point to heaven the way.

* No. 844.

In paupertátis prædiis,	Twelve famous monasteries he had raised,
Duodénis cœnóbiis	Sweet Poverty's abode !
Distribútis in filiis,	Where, saint-like, ever his dis- ciples praised,
Ac sanctórum collégiis.	In peace and joy, their God.
Post specum, quem incó- luit,	Then, leaving all, he quitted that lone cave
Ubi lux mundo cláruit,	Where first began his fame,
Castrum Cassínium ténuít,	And to Cassino's cloistered cells he gave,
Cui præfuit et prófuit.	Throughout the world, a name.
Hinc post virtútum cúmu- lum,	Hence, having gloriously main- tained the fight
Mortis hujus ergástulum	Of virtue and of love,
Solvens, et carnis víncu- lum,	His soul, o'er death triumph- ant, took her flight
Transit ad Dei pópulum.	To join the saints above.
Fratrem, sorórem pópulus	The brother and the sister all deplore,
Deflet, et omnis óculus ;	And o'er their memory weep ;
Quos sanctórum fascículus	While their blest souls, their earthly warfare o'er,
Servat, et idem túmulus.	In peace united sleep.
Benedíctus in grátia,	O ! blest alike in glory, grace, and name !
Benedíctus in glóriâ,	Look down on us below ;
Nobis de cœli cúria	To struggling souls thy mighty power proclaim,
Grata ferat auxília.	And timely aid bestow.
Patris beáti mérito	Through our Saint's name, to God, who rules in heaven,
Laus, et honor Ingénito,	Thrice blessed Three in One !
Glória Unigénito,	Be highest honour, praise, and glory given,
Virtus summa Paráclito.	While endless ages run.
Amen.	Amen.

(J. K.)

ENGLISH HYMNS.

(The following Hymn was composed by the Very Rev. F. W. Faber, D.D., of the Oratory, London, for "The Little Page.")

Father of many children ! in the gloom
Of the long past, how beautiful thou art !
And still, dear Saint ! the weary nations come
To drink from out thine unexhausted heart.

There are sweet waters in thy fountains still,
In every changeful age they have been flowing ;
While faithful sons thy destinies fulfil
Through the wide world, like rivers in their going.

Kings, with thy wisdom in their hearts, dear Saint !
Have grown more royal 'neath thy Christlike rule ;
And when the earth with ignorance was faint,
Learning found shelter in thy tranquil school.

Deserts have blossomed where thy feet have trod ;
Thy homes have been safe shelters for the weary ;
And in dark times the glory of our God
Fled to thy houses to find sanctuary.

O Benedict ! thy special gifts are peace,
Freedom of heart, and sweet simplicity.
They fail not with the ages, but increase,
As thine own graces grew of old in thee.

Give us great hearts, dear Father !—hearts as wide
As thine, that was far wider than the world ;—
Hearts by incessant labour sanctified,
Yet with the peace of prayer within them furled.

Thou art the Christian Abraham,—to thee,
Saint of insatiate love ! thy God hath given,
For thy grand faith, a sainted family,
Countless as are the crowded stars in heaven.

Kind Shepherd ! tend us with thy pastoral love
 Across the mountains to our heavenly rest !
 Father ! we see thee beckoning from above ;—
 We come ! we come ! to bless thee, and be blest !

ON THE FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

Oh, Father Saint ! throughout the faithful land
 Sweet hymns arose to thee, in days of yore,
 To thee and to thy sons ; that generous band
 Who left the sunny South to bless our stormy shore.

From every tower, and spire, and abbey fair,
 Bells rang sweet melody, thy day to greet ;
 Bright shone the altars, bright too, gathered there,
 Shone priests, like angels round the mercy-seat.

And the vast minster to the chorus rang,
 While hearts and voices joined in sweet accord,
 And "Holy Father Benedict !" they sang,
 "Pray for thy prostrate children to thy Lord."

All silent now !—save when the wind of night
 Makes mournful music through the ruined pile ;
 No brightness there !—but Heaven's own blessed light
 Lingered in love o'er mouldering arch and aisle !

Still in this land of ruins, glows divine
 The spirit kindled here in happier days ;
 Still, Father, there are *English* hearts all thine,
 And *English* lips that fain would sing thy praise.

But sad our music ! Like the captive band
 That wept beside the Assyrian wave, we sigh !
 How can we sing in the oppressor's land
 The songs of Sion's vanished days of joy ?

Yet, mighty Father ! hear the earnest prayer
 Rising from many hearts to thee to-day !
 Oh ! watch around us with a shepherd's care ;
 Nor let one heedless loiterer turn astray !

Lo, even as now, 'mid darkling shades of night,
We choose the thorn-set path which thou hast trod ;
Be ours, when shades depart, the path of light,
Winged by thy spirit in its flight to God !

(M. I. P.)

RAISE UP, O LORD, IN THY CHURCH, THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH
OUR HOLY FATHER WAS ANIMATED, ETC.

It hath slumbered in secret, unhonoured, unknown,
Deep hid in the hearts of the loyal and true ;
Yet speak but the word, Lord ! and call on thine own,
And our Father's pure spirit shall sparkle anew !

O spirit of Heaven ! thy dawning was bright,
And thy noon-tide of glory ! how dazzling its blaze !
When the far-distant islands rejoiced in thy light,
And millions converted were hymning thy praise.

As a strong gushing fountain, whose deep wells send forth
The rivers, wide-rushing, in strength and in pride,
So, Father, thy spirit hath flowed o'er the earth,
And nations have drunk of the far-rolling tide.

But the day of thy triumph, they say, is gone by,
And the scorers repeat it, with smiles on their lips,
"The fount of the rivers is wasted and dry,
The day-star of nations hath suffered eclipse."

Yet the Lord can enkindle that fair star once more,
It shall flash with the splendours that gladdened its youth ;
And the long silent fountain, awakening, shall pour,
Once again, its bright torrents of science and truth.

Then pray on, pray ever ! as girded ye stand,
Your eyes fixed on Heaven, awaiting the hour,
When the Lord shall look down on the white harvest land,
And wake in the reapers His spirit of power.

(M. I. P.)

FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

MARCH XXI.

Double of the First Class with an Octave.

In the First Vespers (said March 20), all as in the Second Vespers, p. 119, except

Ÿ. Amávit eum Dóminus et ornávit eum.

Rz. Stolum glóriæ induit eum.

Ant. ad Magnificat. Exultet ómnium turba fídelium, pro glóriá almi Patris Benedícti; læténtur præcipuè catérvæ monachórum, celebrántes ejus festa in terris, de cujus societáte sancti congáudent in cœlis.

Ÿ. The Lord loved him and adorned him.

Rz. With the robe of glory He clothed him.

Ant. at Magnificat. Let the crowd of all the faithful exult at the glory of our benign Father Benedict; especially let the troops of monks be glad, now celebrating his feast on earth, for whose society the saints rejoice in heaven.

At Mass.

INTROITUS. Gaudeámus omnes in Dómino, diem festum celebrántes sub honóre sancti Benedícti abbátis, de cujus solemnitate gaudent ángeli, et collaudant Fílium Dei.

Ps. xlvii. Magnus Dóminus, et laudábilis nimis; in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus. *Ÿ.* Glória.

INTROIT. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival day in honour of the holy abbot Benedict, for whose solemnity the angels rejoice, and give praise to the Son of God.

Ps. xlvii. Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised; in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. *Ÿ.* Glory, &c.

ORATIO. Omnípotens sempitérne Deus qui (hodiérna

COLLECT. O almighty and eternal God, who (on this day)

die) carnis eductum ergástulo sanctíssimum confessorém tuum Benedictum sublevásti ad cælum : concede quæsumus, hæc festa tuis fámulis celebrántibus, cunctórum véniam delictórum ; ut qui exultántibus ánimis ejus claritáte congregáudent, ipso apud te interveniente, consociéntur et méritis. Per, &c.

didst raise up to heaven thy blessed confessor Benedict, delivered from the prison of the flesh ; grant, we beseech thee, to thy servants celebrating this festival, pardon of all their sins ; that they who, with exulting minds, rejoice together in his glory, may by his intercession with thee, be also associated to his merits. Through, &c.

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Eccl. l. 1.

Ecce Confessor magnus, qui in vitá suâ suffúlsit domum, et in diébus suis corroborávit templum. Templi étiam altitúdo ab ipso fundáta est, duplex ædificatio, et excélsi parietes templi. In diébus ipsíus emanavérunt pútei aquárum ; et quasi mare adimpléti sunt supra modum. Qui curávit gentem suam, et liberávit eam a perditione. Qui præváluit amplificáre civitátem ; qui adéptus est glóriam in conversatione gentis ; et ingressum domûs et átrii amplificávit. Quasi stella matutína in médio nébulæ, et quasi luna plena in diébus suis lucet, et quasi sol refúlgens, sic ille effúlsit in templo Dei. Quasi aucus refúlgens inter nébulas glóriæ, et quasi flos rosárum in diébus vernis, et quasi lília quæ sunt in tránsitu áquæ, et

LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF

WISDOM. *Ecclus.* l. 1.

Behold a great Confessor, who in his life propped up the house, and in his days fortified the temple. By him also the height of the temple was founded, the double building, and the high walls of the temple. In his days the wells of water flowed out, and they were filled as the sea above measure. He took care of his nation, and delivered it from destruction. He prevailed to enlarge the city, and obtained glory in his conversation with the people ; and enlarged the entrance of the house and the court. He shone in his days as the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and as the moon at the full. And as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God. And as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds, and as the flower of roses in the days of the spring, and as the lilies that are on the brink of

quasi thus rédolens in diébus æstátis. Quasi ignis effúlgens, et thus ardens in igne. Quasi vas auri sólídum, ornátum omni lápide pretiósó. Quasi olíva púlulans, et quasi cypréssus in altitúdinem se extóllens. Et circa illum coróna fratrum ; quasi plantátio cedri in Monte Líbano, sic circa illum stetérunt quasi rami palmæ, et omnes filii Aaron in glóriá suá.

GRADUALE. Dómine prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis : posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretiósó. *Ÿ.* Vitam pétiit a te, et tribuísti ei longitúdinem diérum in sæculum sæculi.

Allelúia, allelúia.

Ÿ. Vir Dei Benedíctus ómnium justórum spírítu plenus fuit : ipse intercédát pro cunctis monásticæ professiónis.

In Lent, instead of the Alleluia and Verse, the following is said:—

TRACTUS. Beátus vir qui timet Dóminum : in mandátis ejus cupit nimis.

Ÿ. Potens in terrâ erit semen ejus : generátio rectórum benedicétur.

Ÿ. Glória et divítiae in domo ejus : et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

the water, and as the sweet-smelling frankincense in the time of summer. As a bright fire, and frankincense burning in the fire. As a massy vessel of gold, adorned with every precious stone. As an olive-tree budding forth, and a cypress-tree rearing itself on high. And about him was the ring of his brethren ; and as the cedar planted in Mount Libanus, and as branches of palm-trees, they stood round about him, and all the sons of Aaron in their glory.

GRADUAL. O Lord, thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness ; thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. *Ÿ.* He asked life of thee, and thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Ÿ. The man of God Benedíct was full of the spirit of all the just : may he intercede for all of the monastic profession.

TRACT. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord : he delighteth exceedingly in his commandments.

Ÿ. His seed shall be mighty upon earth : the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Ÿ. Glory and wealth shall be in his house : and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

In Paschal time, the Gradual is omitted, and the following said :—

Allelúia, allelúia. *Ÿ.* Justus ut palma florébit ; sicut cedrus Libani multiplicábitur. Allelúia.

Ÿ. Justus germinábit sicut lílium ; et florébit in ætérnum ante Dóminum.

Alleluia, alleluia. *Ÿ.* The just shall flourish like the palm-tree ; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia.

Ÿ. The just shall bud forth like the lily ; and shall flourish for ever before the Lord.

SEQUENTIA.

Læta quies magni ducis,

Dona ferens novæ lucis,
Hódìè recólitur.

SEQUENCE.

Welcome the glad returning
morn !

In hues of golden glory born !
Which saw, divinely blest,

[On the Commemoration, July 11.]

Læta dies magni ducis,

Dona ferens novæ lucis,
Hódìè recólitur.

Let heart and voice, in hymns
of praise,

Recall the glorious day of days
Which saw, divinely blest,

Caris datur piæ menti,

Corde sonet in ardénti,

Quidquid foris prómi-
tur.

Our chieftain in the sacred
fight,

Mounting the pearly stairs of
light,

To his eternal rest.

Hunc per callem oriéntis

Admirémur ascendéntis
Patriárchæ spéciem.

See the glad vision's bright
array

Ascending on its orient way ;
See there the Patriarch
shine !

Amplum semen magnæ
prolis

Illum fecit instar solis
Abrahæ persímilem.

A second Abraham on high,

Amidst his glorious progeny,
Seated in bliss divine !

Corvum cernis ministrán-
tem,
Hinc Elíam latitántem
Specu nosce párvulo.

Blest Hermit ! in his rocky
cell,
As to Elias erst befell,
By the wild raven fed !

Elisæus dignoscátur,
Cùm secúris revocátur
De torréntis álveo.

Whose voice the sunken axe
obeyed,
Rising, as when Eliseus prayed,
Up from the torrent's bed !

Illum Joseph candor mo-
rum,
Illum Jacob futurórum
Mens effécit cónschia.

With hoary Jacob's eagle eye
Piercing the far futurity ;
With Joseph heavenly
pure ;

Ipse memor suæ gentis,
Nos perdúcat in manéntis
Semper Christi gaúdia.
Amen. Allelúia.

May he to us, his sons below,
The path of joys immortal show,
And guide us there secure !
Amen. Alleluia.

SEQUÉNTIA SANCTI EVAN-
GÉLII SECÚNDUM MAT-
THÆUM. xix. 27.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO ST. MATTHEW. xix. 27.

In illo témpore, Dixit Petrus ad Jesum : Ecce nos reliquimus ómnia, et secúti sumus te : quid ergo erit nobis ? Jesus autem dixit illis : Amen dico vobis, quod vos, qui secúti estis me, in regeneratióne cùm séderit Filius hóminis in sede majestátis suæ, sedébitis et vos super sedes duódecim, judicántes duódecim tribus Israel. Et omnis qui reliquerit dómum, vel fratres, aut soróres, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxórem, aut filios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, céntuplum accípiet, et vitam ætérrnam possidébit.

At that time, Peter said to Jesus : Behold we have left all things, and have followed thee : what therefore shall we have ? And Jesus said to them : Amen I say to you, that you who have followed me, when in the regeneration the Son of man shall sit on the seat of his majesty, you also shall sit upon twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting.

OFFERTORIUM. Desiderium animæ ejus tribuisti ei Dómine, et voluntáte labiõrum ejus non fraudasti eum; posuisti in cápite ejus coronam de lápide pretioso.

SECRETA. Oblátis, Dómine, ob honórem Beáti Confessóris tui Benedicti placáre munéribus; et ipsius intervéntu, fámulis tuis tribue indulgéntiam peccatórum. Per, &c.

COMMUNIO. Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constituit Dóminus super familiam suam; ut det illis in témpore tritici mensuram.

POSTCOMMUNIO. Percéptis, Dómine Deus noster, salutáribus sacraméntis, humiliter deprecámur: ut intercedente Beáto Benedicto Confessóre tuo, quæ pro illius venerándâ gérimus solemnité, nobis proficiant ad salutem. Per, &c.

OFFERTORY. Thou hast given him his heart's desire, O Lord, and hast not withholden from him the will of his lips; thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

SECRET. Be appeased, O Lord, by the gifts offered in honour of thy blessed Confessor Benedict; and through his intercession grant to thy servants the forgiveness of their sins. Through, &c.

COMMUNION. A faithful and wise steward, whom the Lord has set over his family; to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

POSTCOMMUNION. Having received the saving sacraments, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord our God: that by the intercession of blessed Benedict thy Confessor, what we have done on his venerable solemnity, may avail us to salvation. Through, &c.

Second Vespers

Pater Noster, &c. Ave Maria, &c.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutorium meum inténde.

Rz. Dómine ad adjuvandum me festína.

Glória, &c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

Rz. O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Fuit vir, *ut infrà.*

Ant. There was a man, *as below.*

Ps. cix.

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Dixit Dóminus, &c.,
fol. 13.

The Lord said, &c., *p. 13.*

Ant. Fuit vir vitæ venerabilis, grátia Benedíctus et nómine; qui ab ipso pueritiæ suæ témpore, cor gerens sensile, ætátem móribus tránsiens, nulli ánimum voluptáti dedit.

Ant. There was a man of venerable life, Benedict (Blessed) both by grace and by name; who, even from his days of boyhood, bore within him the heart of age, and in his ways transcending his years, yielded not his mind to any sensual pleasure.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedíctus, *ut infrà.*

Ant. The blessed man Benedict, *as below.*

Ps. cx.

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Confitébor tibi Dómine in toto corde meo: * in concílio justórum et congregatióne.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: * in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Magna ópera Dómini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Great are the works of the Lord: * sought out according to all his wills.

Conféssio et magnificéntia opus ejus: * et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

His work is praise and magnificence: * and his justice continueth for ever and ever.

Memóriam fecit mirabílium suórum, miséricors et miserátor Dóminus: * escam dedit timéntibus se.

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: * he hath given food to them that fear him.

Memor erit in sæculum testaménti sui: * virtútem óperum suórum annuntiábit pópulo suo.

He will be mindful for ever of his covenant: * he will show forth to his people the power of his works.

Ut det illis hæreditátem Géntium: * ópera mánuum ejus, véritas et júdicium.

That he may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles: * the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

Fidélia omnia mandata ejus, confirmata in sæculum sæculi : * facta in veritate et æquitate.

Redemptionem misit populo suo : * mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus : * initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Intelléctus bonus omnibus faciéntibus eum : * laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Beátus vir Benedictus plus appétiit mala mundi pérpeti quam laudes ; pro Deo labóribus fatigari, quam vitæ hujus favóribus extólli.

Ant. Gloriósus Conféssor, &c., *ut infra.*

Ps. cxi.

Beátus vir qui timet Dóminum : * in mandátis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terrâ erit semen ejus : * generatio rectórum benedicétur.

Glória et divítiæ in domo ejus : * et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exórtum est in ténebris lumen rectis : * miséricors, et miserátor et justus.

Jucúndus homo qui mi-

All his commandments are faithful, confirmed for ever and ever : * made in truth and equity.

He hath sent redemption to his people : * he hath commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and terrible is his name : * the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding to all that do it : * his praise continueth for ever and ever.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The blessed man Benedict desired rather to endure the evils of the world, than its praises ; to be worn out with labours for God's sake, than to be exalted by the favours of this life.

Ant. The glorious Confessor, &c., *as below.*

Ps. cxi.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord : * he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth : * the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house : * and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness : * he is merciful, and compassionate, and just.

Acceptable is the man that

serétur et cómmodat, dispónet sermónes suos in iudício : * quia in ætérnum non commovébitur.

In memóriâ ætérnâ erit justus : * ab auditióne malâ non timébit.

Parátum cor ejus speráre in Dómino, confirmátum est cor ejus : * non commovébitur donec despiciat inimícos suos.

Dispérsit, dedit paupéribus, justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi : * cornu ejus exaltábitur in glóriâ.

Peccátor vidébit et irascétur, déntibus suis fremet et tabéscet : * desidérium peccatórum peribit.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Gloriósus Conféssor Dómini vitam angélicam gerens in terris, spéculum bonórum óperum factus est mundo ; et ideo cum Christo jam sine fine gaudet in coelis.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus, *ut infra.*

Ps. cxii.

Laudáte púeri Dóminum : * laudáte nomen Dómini.

Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum : * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum : * laudábile nomen Dómini.

showeth mercy and lendeth ; he shall order his words with judgment : * because he shall not be moved for ever.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance : * he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord, his heart is strengthened : * he shall not be moved, until he look over his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor, his justice remaineth for ever and ever : * his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see and shall be angry ; he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away : * the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The glorious Confessor of the Lord, Benedict, leading on earth an angelic life, became to the world a mirror of good works, and therefore rejoiceth for ever in heaven.

Ant. The man of God Benedict, *as below.*

Ps. cxii.

Praise the Lord, ye children : * praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord : * from henceforth, now, and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same : * the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dóminus : * et super celos glória ejus.

Quis sicut Dóminus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat : * et humília respicit in cælo et in terrâ.

Súscitans a terrâ inopem : * et de stércore érigens paúperem.

Ut colloket eum cum princípibus : * cum principibus pópuli sui.

Qui habitare facit stérilem in domo : * matrem filiórum lætántem.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Vir Dei Benedíctus ómnium justórum spíritu plenus fuit ; ipse intercédât pro cunctis monásticæ professiónis.

The Lord is high above all nations : * and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high : * and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth.

Raising up the needy from the earth : * and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill.

That he may place him with princes : * with the princes of his people.

Whomaketh a barren woman to dwell in a house : * the joyful mother of children.

Glory, &c.

Ant. The man of God, Benedict, was full of the spirit of all the just ; may he intercede for all of the monastic profession.

CAPITULUM.

Ecce Confessor magnus ; qui quasi stella matutina in médio nébulæ, et quasi luna plena in diébus suis lucet : et quasi sol refúlgens, sic ille effúlsit in templo Dei. R^z. Deo grátias.

R^z. (*Hic genuflectitur.*) Sancte Pater Benedícte, * intercéde pro nobis. R^z. Sancte, &c. V̄. Ut digni efficiámur promissiónibus Christi. * Intercéde pro nobis. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto. R^z. Sancte, &c.

LITTLE CHAPTER.

Behold a great Confessor ; who in his days shone like the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and like the moon at the full : and as the sun when it shineth, so did he shine in the temple of God. R^z. Thanks be to God.

R^z. (*Here kneel down.*) O holy Father Benedict, * intercede for us. R^z. O holy, &c. V̄. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. * Intercede for us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. R^z. O holy, &c.

HYMNUS.

HYMN.

Laúdibus cives résonent
canóris

Templa solémnes modu-
léntur hymnos ;

Hác die summi Benedictus
arcem

Scandit Olympi.

Through the long nave, and
full-resounding aisles,

Let pealing anthems rise ;

This day, that saw immortal
Benedict

Ascend the skies !

*Instead of the last two lines, the following are said, except on
this Feast and during the Octave :—*

Auréa summi Benedictus
arce

Gaudet Olympi.

Thither where sits immortal
Benedict

Throned on the skies.

Ille floréntes peragébat
annos,

Cum puer dulcis pátriæ
penátes

Liquit, et solus látuit silénti

Cónditus antro.

A flowery path, affection,
home, were his ;

But vainly earth allured ;

Deep in a lonesome cave his
tender bloom

The saint immured.

Inter urtícas, rigidósque
sentes,

Vicit altrícem scélerum ju-
véntam ;

Inde conscrípsit documénta
vitæ

Pulchra beátæ.

There, amid prickly thorns,
he curbed the rage

Of sin-incentive youth ;

There drew his sacred rule
from the pure font

Of life and truth.

.Æream turpis clárii figú-
ram,

Et nemus stravit véneri
dicátum ;

Atque Baptístæ pósuit sa-
cráto

Monte sacéllum.

There still, upon the height,
the Baptist's shrine,

Memorial of his love,

Tells how he smote the Pagan
god, and strewed

The Paphian grove.

Jamque felíci résidens
Olympo,

Inter ardéntes Séráphim
catérvas

Now from the heavenly dome,
seated serene

Amid seraphic choirs,

Spectat, et dulci réficit
cliéntum
Corda liquóre.

He sees us all, and with celes-
tial draughts
Each heart inspires.

Glória Patri, genitæque
Proli,
Et tibi compar, utriúsque
semper
Spíritus alme, Deus unus,
omni
Témpore sæcli. Amen.

Glory eternal to the Father be,
And sole-begotten Son ;
With Thee, great Paraclete,
eternal Three !
And trinal One ! Amen.

Ÿ. Justum dedúxit Dó-
minus per vias rectas.

Ÿ. Through right ways bath
the Lord led the just man.

Rz. Et osténdit illi reg-
num Dei.

Rz. And showed him the
kingdom of God.

Ant. Hódie sanctus Bene-
dictus, *ut infra.*

Ant. This day did holy
Benedict, *as below.*

CANT. Magnificat, &c.,
fol. 15.

CANT. My soul doth mag-
nify, &c., *p. 15.*

Ant. Hódie sanctus Bene-
dictus per viam Oriéntis,
recto trámite, vidéntibus
discípulis cælum ascéndit ;
hódie, eréctis má nibus,
inter verba oratiónis ex-
pirávit ; hódie, in glóriâ
ab ángelis suscep-tus est.

Ant. This day did holy
Benedict, in the sight of his
disciples, ascend by the East
straightway to heaven ; this
day, with uplifted hands, did
he expire amidst words of
prayer ; this day was he re-
ceived by angels into glory.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

Pater Noster, &c.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spírítu tuo.

Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Omnípotens, &c., *fol. 114.*
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spírítu tuo.

Almighty, &c., *p. 114.*
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Ÿ. Benedicámus Dómino.
Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.
Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Fidélium animæ per
misericórdiam Dei requi-
éscant in pace. Rz. Amen.

Ÿ. May the souls of the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Rz. Amen.

SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF OUR HOLY
FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

JULY XI.

Double, of the First Class with an Octave.

All as on March 21, p. 114, except

ORATIO.

Excita, quæsumus Dómine, in Ecclesiâ tuâ spíritum cui beátus Pater noster Benedictus abbas servívit; ut eódem nos repléti, studeámus amáre quod amávit, et ópere exercére quod dócuit. Per, &c.

PRAYER.

Raise up, O Lord, in thy Church the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, was animated; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught. Through, &c.

In Second Vespers.

ANT. AD MAGNIFICAT. O coeléstis norma vitæ, doctor et dux Benedicte, cujus cum Christo spíritus exúltat in coeléstibus; gregem, pastor alme, serva, sanctâ prece corróborâ, viâ coelos clarescénte fac te duce penetrâre.

ANT. AT THE MAGNIFICAT. O model of a heavenly life, Saint Benedict, our teacher and our guide! whose spirit rejoiceth with Christ in the heavenly courts; O loving shepherd! preserve thy flock, strengthen it with thy holy prayers, and by thy guidance conduct it along the bright path to heaven.

VOTIVE MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.

INTROITUS. Vir Dei Benedictus mundi glóriam despexit et reliquit; quóniam Dei Spíritus erat in eo.

Ps. xlvii. Secundum nomen tuum, ita et laus tua in fines terræ: justitia plena est dextera tua. *Ÿ.* Glória, &c.

ORATIO. Excita, Dómine, in Ecclesiá tuá spíritum, cui beátus Pater noster Benedictus abbas servívit: ut eódem nos repléti, studeámus amáre quod amávit; et ópere exercére quod dócuit. Per, &c.

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Eccl. xlvii.

Dedit Dóminus confesiónem Sancto suo, et Excélso in verbo glóriæ. De omni corde suo laudávit Dóminum, et diléxit Deum, qui fecit illum: et dedit illi contra inimícos poténtiam, et stare fecit cantóres contra altáre, et in sono eórum dulces fecit modos. Et dedit in celebrationíbus decus, et orná-

INTROIT. The man of God, Benedict, despised and abandoned the glory of this world, for the spirit of God was in him.

Ps. xlvii. According to thy name, so also is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of justice. *Ÿ.* Glory, &c.

COLLECT. Raise up, O Lord, in thy Church the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, was animated; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught. Through, &c.

**LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF
WISDOM.** *Eccl. xlvii.*

The Lord gave praise to his holy one, and to the most high with words of glory. With his whole heart he praised the Lord, and loved God that made him: and he gave him power against his enemies: and he set singers before the altar, and by their voices he made sweet melody. And to the festivals he added beauty, and set in order the

vit tempora usque ad consummationem vite; ut laudarent nomen sanctum Domini, et amplificarent manè Dei sanctitatem. Christus purgavit peccata ipsius; et exaltavit in æternum cornu ejus. (c. xxiv.) Sapientia laudabit animam suam, et in domo honorabitur, et in medio populi sui gloriabitur; et in ecclesiis altissimi aperiet os suum, et in conspectu virtutis illius gloriabitur. In medio populi sui exaltabitur, et in plenitudine sancta admirabitur: et in multitudine electorum habebit laudem, et inter benedictos benedicetur.

solemn times even to the end of his life; that they should praise the holy name of the Lord, and magnify the holiness of God in the morning. The Lord took away his sins, and exalted his horn for ever. (c. xxiv.) Wisdom shall praise her own self, and shall be honoured in her house, and shall glorify herself in the midst of her people: and shall open her mouth in the churches of the Most High, and shall glorify herself in the sight of his power. And in the midst of her own people she shall be exalted, and shall be admired in the holy assembly: and in the multitude of the elect she shall have praise, and among the blessed she shall be blessed.

Gradual, Alleluia, and Tract as on the Feast, p. 116. In Paschal time as follows:—

Alleluia, alleluia. *Ÿ.* Justus ut palma florebit: sicut cedrus quæ in Libano est, multiplicabitur. Alleluia. *Ÿ.* Justus germinabit sicut lilium: et florebit in æternum ante Dominum. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. *Ÿ.* The just shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus. Alleluia. *Ÿ.* The just shall bud forth like the lily: and shall flourish for ever before the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel as on the Feast, p. 118.

OFFERTORIUM. In virtute tuâ, Domine, lætabitur justus, et super salutare tuum exultabit vehementer: desiderium animæ ejus tribuisti ei.

OFFERTORY. In thy strength, O Lord, the just shall be glad, and in thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly: thou hast given him his heart's desire.

SECRETA. *Sacris altáribus, Dómine, hóstias superpósitas, Sanctus Pater noster Benedictus abbas, quæsumus in salutem nobis provenire depóscat. Per, &c.*

COMMUNIO. *Amen, dico vobis, quod vos, qui reliquistis ómnia, et secúti estis me, centuplum accipietis, et vitam ætérnam possidebitis.*

POSTCOMMUNIO. *Prótegat nos, Dómine, cum tui perceptiõe sacraménti beátus Pater noster Benedictus abbas pro nobis intercedéndo; ut et conversatiõnis ejus experiámur insígnia, et intercessiõnis percipiámus suffrágia. Per, &c.*

SECRET. *May our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, intercede for us, O Lord, that the offerings we have laid on Thy altars may avail us unto salvation. Through, &c.*

COMMUNION. *Amen, I say to you, that you who have left all things and have followed me, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall possess life everlasting.*

POSTCOMMUNION. *May the receiving of this sacrament, and the intercession of our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, protect us, O Lord; that we may both copy the virtues of his life, and experience the help of his intercession. Through, &c.*

Little Office of Saint Scholastica,

VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

At Matins.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adiutó-
rium meum inténde.

Rz. Dómine ad adiuván-
dum me festína.

Glória Patri, et Fílio, et
Spirítui Sancto. Sicut erat
in principio, et nunc et
semper, et in sæcula sæcu-
lórum. Amen. Allelúia.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline unto my aid,
O God.

Rz. O Lord, make haste to
help me.

Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

*From Septuagesima till Easter, instead of Alleluia, is
said:—*

Laus tibi Dómine, Rex
æternæ glóriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord,
the King of eternal glory.

*The above is said at the beginning of every Hour except
Compline.*

HYMNUS.

Casta Virgo, Sponsa Christi,
Quem in terris quæсивísti,
Toto corde dilexísti,

Avéto Scholástica !

HYMN.

Thou Virgin, Spouse of Christ,
all hail !
While dwelling in this earthly
vale
Thy love of Him did never
fail,

Bright burning to the
last.

Nos inténtos tuæ laudi,

Te rogántes nos exaúdi,

Infernális hostis fraudi

Nos cliéntes súbtrahe.

While songs of joy we raise to thee,

We pray thee, too, our souls to free

From toils which Satan's perfidy

Has wily round them cast.

Ant. O quam pulchra est.

Cant. Benedictus, &c.,
fol. 2.

Ant. O quam pulchra est casta generátio cum claritáte; immortalis est enim memória illius, quóniam apud Deum nota est, et apud hómines.

Ÿ. Spécie tuâ et pulchritúdine tuâ.

Rz. Inténde, prósperò procéde, et regna.

Ant. O how beautiful.

Cant. Blessed, &c., p. 2.

Ant. O how beautiful is the chaste generation with glory; for the memory thereof is immortal, because it is known both with God and men.

Ÿ. With thy comeliness and thy beauty.

Rz. Set out, proceed prosperously, and reign.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Famíliam tuam, quæsumus Dómine, beátæ Virgínis tuæ Scholásticæ méritis propítius réspice; ut sicut per ipsíus preces imbrem cœlitus descendere fecísti: ita ejus supplicatíonibus ariditatem cordis nostri, cœlestis grátie dignéris rore perfúndere. Per, &c.

Mercifully look down upon Thy family, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the merits of Thy blessed virgin Saint Scholastica; and, as by her prayers Thou didst cause the rain to descend from heaven, deign, through her supplications, to moisten the dryness of our hearts with the dew of heavenly grace. Through, &c.

On the Feast, and during the Octave, say the Prayer,
Deus, qui, p. 143.

At Lauds.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut supra.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

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HYMNUS.

Domum patris reliquisti,
 Res mundanas despexisti,
 Christum Sponsum quæsi-
 visti,
 Colúmba castíssima !

Unitatem adorare,
 Trinitatem invocare,
 Nobis Deo laudem dare,
 Obtine Scholastica.

Ant. En dilectus meus.
Ps. cl. Laudate, &c.,

fol. 4.

Ant. En dilectus meus
 loquitur mihi ; surge, pró-
 pera, amica mea, colúmba
 mea, et veni.

Ÿ. Exaudivit Dominus
 vocem fletus mei.

Rz. Et orationem meam
 suscepit.

HYMN.

Purest of doves! with glad-
 some eyes,
 For Christ's dear sake thou
 didst despise
 All joys, and home with all
 its ties
 As nought thou didst
 esteem.

O! teach us then our souls to
 raise
 To God on high, in hymns of
 praise,
 That we with Him through
 endless days,
 May live in bliss supreme.

Ant. Behold, my Beloved.
Ps. cl. Praise ye, &c., p. 4.

Ant. Behold, my Beloved
 speaketh to me ; arise, make
 haste my love, my dove, and
 come.

Ÿ. The Lord hath heard the
 voice of my weeping.

Rz. And He hath received
 my prayer.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Prime.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjuto-
 rium, &c., *ut supra.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as be-
 fore.*

HYMNUS.

Tui fratris castitatem,
 Quamque vovit paupertá-
 tem,
 Ejus omnem sanctitatem
 Æmuláris integrè.

HYMN.

Thy brother's spotless chastity,
 His love of holy poverty,
 The life he led so holily,
 Thou strivest to surpass.

Frater ut sol, tuque lunæ
Instar fulges opportunè,

Transeámus ut impúnè
Mundi per caliginem.

Ant. Ego flos campi.

Ps. i. Beátus vir, &c.,
fol. 6.

Ant. Ego flos campi, et
lilium convállium; sicut
lilium inter spinas, sic
amíca mea inter filias.

Ÿ. Adjuvábít eam Deus
vultu suo.

Rz. Deus in médio ejus
non commovébitur.

In him the glorious sun we see,
The shining moon's mild beams
in thee,

By whose refulgent brilliancy
We this world's darkness
pass.

Ant. I am the flower of the
field.

Ps. i. Blessed is, &c., p. 6.

Ant. I am the flower of the
field, and the lily of the val-
leys; as the lily among thorns,
so is my beloved among the
daughters.

Ÿ. God shall help her with
His countenance.

Rz. He is in the midst of
her, she shall not be moved.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Tierce.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as be-
fore.*

HYMNUS.

HYMN. .

Benedíctum visitáre,
Te quotánnis recreáre,
Et solébas satiáre

Illius collóquiis.

Cui Deus præsidébat,

Guided by love, each year thy
feet
Sought thy dear brother's blest
retreat,
There to enjoy, in converse
sweet,

The words of life and
light.

Blest intercourse! For God
was there

Sermonésque dirigébat,

Igné corda succendébat,

O felix consórtium.

Your tongues to guide, your
words to hear,

And your devoted hearts to
cheer

With goodness infinite.

Ant. Aquæ multæ.

Ps. cxix. Ad Dóminum,
&c., fol. 8.

Ant. Aquæ multæ non
potuerunt extingüere cha-
ritatem, nec flúmina óbruunt
illam.

Ÿ. Elégit eam Deus, et
prælégit eam.

Rz. In tabernáculo suo
habitáre facit eam.

Ant. Many waters,

Ps. cxix. In my trouble,
&c., p. 8.

Ant. Many waters could not
quench charity, nor shall the
rivers overwhelm it.

Ÿ. God hath selected her,
and chosen her before others.

Rz. He causeth her to dwell
in His tabernacle.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Sext.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprè.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as be-
fore.*

HYMNUS.

De æternâ vitâ fari,

Deque eâ meditári,

Plus quam mensæ satiári

Plácuit delíciis.

HYMN.

Thy loving heart took more
delight,

To speak and meditate aright
Of future life, than in the
sight

And taste of worldly joy.

Unde fratrem supplex oras,

Ut per omnes noctis horas,

Colloquendo pergat moras,

Deo gratas néctere.

And hence most earnest didst
thou pray

Thy brother, with thee kind
to stay,

And the long night till dawn
of day,

With pious words employ.

Ant. Sponsábo te.
Ps. cxxii. Ad te, &c.,
fol. 10.

Ant. Sponsábo te mihi
 in sempiternum, et spon-
 sábo te mihi in justitiá, et
 iudicio, et misericórdiá, et
 in miseratióibus; et spon-
 sábo te mihi in fide, et scies
 quia ego Dóminus.

Ÿ. Diffúsa est grátia in
 lábiis tuis.

Rz. Proptérea benedíxit
 te Deus in ætérnum.

Ant. I will espouse thee.
Ps. cxxii. To thee, &c.,
p. 10.

Ant. I will espouse thee to
 me for ever, and I will espouse
 thee to me in justice, and
 judgment, and in mercy, and
 in commiserations; and I will
 espouse thee to me in faith,
 and thou shalt know that I am
 the Lord.

Ÿ. Grace is poured abroad
 upon thy lips.

Rz. Therefore hath God
 blessed thee for ever.

Prayer as at Matins.

At None.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
 rium, &c., *ut suprâ.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as be-
 fore.*

HYMNUS.

Ille preces cum despéxit,
 Hæcque inclínans se, eréxit
 Cor in cœlum; hanc re-
 spéxit,
 Deus vctis ánnuens.

HYMN.

When of thy wish he took no
 heed,
 With head inclined, thou didst
 proceed
 To pray to Christ, in this thy
 need;
 And help didst soon ob-
 tain.

Aër erat jam sérénus,
 Fit ad nutum imbre plenus,
 Tempestátis emne genus
 Toto cœb pèrsonat.

Till then the sky had been se-
 rene;
 When, suddenly, dark clouds
 were seen,
 'Mid thunder's roll, and light-
 ning's sheen,
 Torrents to pour of rain.

Ant. Unam pétii.

Ps. cxxv. In conver-
tendo, &c., fol. 12.

Ant. Unam pétii a Dó-
mino, hanc requíram; ut
inhábitem in domo Dómini
ómnibus diébus vitæ meæ,
ut videam voluptátem Dó-
mini, et visitem templum
ejus.

Ÿ. Adducéntur regi vír-
gines post eam.

Rz. Próximæ ejus affe-
réntur tibi.

Ant. One thing have I asked.

Ps. cxxv. When the Lord,
&c., p. 12.

Ant. One thing have I asked
from the Lord, this I will seek
after; that I may dwell in the
house of the Lord all the days
of my life, that I may see the
beauty of the Lord, and may
visit His temple.

Ÿ. After her shall virgins
be led to the king.

Rz. Her neighbours shall be
brought to thee.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Vespers.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., ut *suprà*.

Ant. Sub umbrá illíus.

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus,
&c., fol. 13.

Ant. Sub umbrá illíus
quem desideráveram sedi,
et fructus ejus dulcis gút-
turi meo.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., as before.

Ant. Under his shadow.

Ps. cix. The Lord said,
&c., p. 13.

Ant. Under his shadow,
whom I desired, I sat down,
and his fruit was sweet to my
palate.

CAPITULUM. *Eccl.* xlví.

Invocávit Dóminum Om-
nipoténtem; et intónuit de
cælo Dóminus: et in sónitu
magno audítam fecit vocem
suam.

Rz. Deo grátias.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Eccl.* xlví.

She called upon the Lord Al-
mighty; and the Lord thun-
dered from heaven; and with a
great noise caused His voice to
be heard.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

HYMNUS.

Vi divínâ præpeditus,
Frater mansit, sed invítus,

HYMN.

Thus, forced by heaven, the
brother stayed,
And granted all for which she
prayed;

Et soróris appetítus	And, by his holy words, al- layed
Colloquéndi pastus est.	Her thirst for converse blest.
Orto mane valedíxit,	To him, at dawn, she bade farewell,
Verba fratris corde fíxit,	Deep in her heart his lessons dwell ;
Abiítque, supervíxit,	In three short days, death's parting knell
Sed non ultra trídium.	Called her away to rest.

Ÿ. Dilexisti justítiam et
odísti iniquitátem.

Rz. Proptérea unxit te
Deus tuus óleo lætítiæ.

Ant. Orátio humiliántis
se.

CANT. Magnificat, &c.,
fol. 15.

Ant. Orátio humiliántis
se nubes penetrábit : et non
discédet donec Altíssimus
aspiciat.

Ÿ. Thou hast loved justice
and hated iniquity.

Rz. Therefore hath thy God
anoointed thee with the oil of
gladness.

Ant. The prayer of him
that humbleth himself.

CANT. My soul, &c., p. 15.

Ant. The prayer of him that
humbleth himself shall pene-
trate the clouds ; and he shall
not depart until the Most High
behold.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Compline.

Ÿ. Jube, Domne, bene-
dicere.

Rz. Noctem quiétam et
finem perféctum concédât
nobis Dóminus Omnípotens.
Rz. Amen.

*Séquitur ex Régulâ Sanctís-
simi Patris nostri Bene-
dicti.—Cap. vii.*

Clamat nobis Divína
Scriptúra, fratres, dicens ;

Ÿ. Pray, Father, give us
your blessing.

Rz. May the Almighty
Lord grant us a quiet night,
and a perfect end. Rz. Amen.

*From the Rule of our most holy
Father Saint Benedict.—
Ch. vii.*

The Holy Scripture crieth to
us, brethren, saying ; " Every

"Omnis qui se exáltat, humiliábitur, et qui se humiliat, exaltábitur." Cùm hæc ergo dicit, osténdit nobis omnem exaltatiónem genus esse supérbiæ, quod se cavére prophéta indicat, dicens ; "Dómine, non est exaltátum cor meum, neque eláti sunt óculi mei : neque ambulávi in magnis, neque in mirábilibus super me." Tu autem, Dómine, misérére nobis.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Convérte nos Deus salutáris noster.

Rz. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutórium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Ecce nunc, &c., *fol. 17.*

one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." In saying this, it declareth to us, that all exaltation is a kind of pride, which the prophet sheweth he avoided, saying ; "Lord, my heart is not exalted, nor are my eyes lifted up ; neither have I walked in great things, nor in wonders above myself." And do Thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Convert us, O God of our salvation.

Rz. And turn away thy anger from us.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Behold now, &c., *p. 17.*

HYMNUS.

Mens illius ut colúmba

Cælum scandit tota munda,

In parátâ fratri tumbâ

Corpus ejus cónditur.

Sede fulgens jam supérnâ,

Sorte gaude sempitérnâ,

Pietáte sed matérnâ

Fove nos Scholástica.

HYMN.

Her holy soul, like some pure dove,

Has winged its way to Heaven above ;

Her body chaste, is placed with love

Within her brother's grave.

Blest Saint, consumed with love divine !

Whilst heaven's bright rays around thee shine,

And joys eternal now are thine ;

Our souls from danger save.

CAPITULUM.

Surge, própera, amíca mea, colúmba mea, formósa mea, et veni. Jam enim hyems tránsiit, imber ábiit et recéssit; flores apparuerunt in terrâ nostrâ. Surge, amíca mea, speciósá mea, et veni.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Quis dabit mihi pen-
nas sicut colúmbæ?

Rz. Et volábo et requi-
escam.

LITTLE CHAPTER.

Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come. For winter is now past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers have appeared in our land. Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Who will give me wings as a dove?

Rz. And I will fly and be at rest.

Prayer as at Matins.

Ÿ. Dómine exaúdi ora-
tiónem meam.

Rz. Et clamor meus ad
te véniat.

Ÿ. Benedicámus Dó-
mino.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Intercéssio beatæ Virgínis Scholásticæ, et sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedícti prótegat nos; et præsidium Beatæ Mariæ Virgínis præservet nos; et benedictio Dei Omnipoténtis, ✠ Patris, et Filii, et Spíritus Sancti descéndat super nos, et máneat semper. Rz. Amen.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Rz. And let my cry come to thee.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

May the intercession of the holy virgin Saint Scholastica, and of our holy Father Saint Benedict, defend us; and the protection of the blessed Virgin Mary preserve us; and may the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and remain with us for ever. Rz. Amen.

Istas supplex óffero,

Tibi, virgo, preces;

While suppliant thus to thee
we bring,

Virgin most pure, this offering,

Tuis sanctis méritis	And, full of hope, devoutly pray
Peccatórum fæces,	That, through thy great deserts, we may
Ut benignè díluas,	From sin's corrupting shame be free,
Tibi supplicámus ;	Hear us, while loud we cry to thee ;
Et in cœlo páriter	And let it be thy loving care
Tandem gaudeámus.	That in thy glory we may share.
Amen.	Amen.

LITANY IN HONOUR OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
<i>Christe exáudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
Pater de cœlis Deus. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	God the Father of heaven. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spiritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta María. <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>	Holy Mary. <i>Pray for us.</i>
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Vírginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancta Scholástica.	Saint Scholastica.
S. S., Sancti Benedicti soror gemélla.	S. S., twin sister of Saint Benedict.
S. S., ab ætérno a Deo elécta.	S. S., chosen by God from eternity.

* From "Fasciculus Quinque Litaniarum," 1637.

S. S., Christi Dómini grátia prævénta.	S. S., prevented by the grace of Christ our Lord.
S. S., ab infántiâ Deo consecráta.	S. S., consecrated to God from thy infancy.
S. S., Virgo semper integérrima.	S. S., always a Virgin most incorrupt.
S. S., Christo Jesu desponsáta.	S. S., espoused to Jesus Christ.
S. S., Spíritus Sancti discípula.	S. S., scholar of the Holy Ghost.
S. S., innocéntiæ spéculum.	S. S., mirror of innocence.
S. S., perfectiónis norma.	S. S., model of perfection.
S. S., virtútum exémpLAR.	S. S., pattern of virtues.
S. S., monásticæ vitæ decus.	S. S., glory of the monastic life.
S. S., innumerábilium vírginum mater.	S. S., mother of numberless virgins.
S. S., angélicæ vitæ imitátrix.	S. S., imitator of the angelic life.
S. S., fide in Deum plena.	S. S., full of faith in God.
S. S., spe coeléstiû bonórum repléta.	S. S., replenished with hope of the goods of heaven.
S. S. charitáte Sponsi semper ardens.	S. S., ever burning with love of the Spouse.
S. S., humilitáte præfúlgens.	S. S., resplendent with humility.
S. S., in Dómino confidens ut filia.	S. S., trusting, as a daughter, in the Lord.
S. S., oratióni fréquénter insistens.	S. S., intent on prayer.
S. S., a Dómino súbitò exaudíta.	S. S., quickly heard by the Lord.
S. S., perseverántiæ laude insignis.	S. S., famed for the praise of perseverance.
S. S., in colúmbæ spécie cœli secréta pénetrans.	S. S., who didst enter the courts of heaven in the shape of a dove.
S. S., Agnum sequens quocúmque ierit.	S. S., who dost now follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.
S. S. Sponsi deliciis in ætérnum pérfruens.	S. S., who dost rejoice in the delights of the Spouse for ever.

- S. S. coronâ gloriæ deco-
rata.
- S. S., invocantium te apud
Deum advocata.
- S. S., imitantium te favorâ-
bilis patrona.
- Sanctissima Virgo Scholâs-
tica.
- Peccatores, te rogâmus audi
nos.
- Ut sanctissimis et effica-
cissimis apud Deum ora-
tionibus tuis nos adjuvare
digneris.
- Ut Ordinem nostrum et
Monasterium istud, et
omnes habitantes in eo,
protectione tuâ overe et
conservare digneris.
- Ut nos in filiarum tuarum
númerum admittere dig-
neris.
- Ut nostram in te devo-
tionem excitare, promo-
vere, et conservare dig-
neris.
- Ut regulæ sanctissimi fra-
tris tui, et Patris nostri
Benedicti, perfectam ob-
servantiam apud nos con-
servare digneris.
- Ut supplicationibus tuis
ariditatem cordis nostri
coelestis gratiæ rore per-
fundere digneris.
- Ut nos tuo intervëntu,
Christo animarum nos-
trarum Sponso, in ætér-
num socios.
- Ut nos ad gaudia ætérna,
et ad Sponsum Jesum
dulcissimum perducas.
- Ut nos exaudire digneris.
- S. S., adorned with a crown of
glory.
- S. S., advocate with God of
those who invoke thee.
- S. S., generous patron of those
who imitate thee.
- S. S., most holy Virgin.
- We sinners, (*We beseech thee,*
hear us.
- That thou deign to help us, by
thy most holy and efficacious
prayers to God.
- That thou deign to cherish and
preserve, by thy protection,
our holy Order and this
Monastery, and all who
dwell therein.
- That thou deign to admit us
into the number of thy
children.
- That thou deign to raise up,
increase, and preserve our
devotion towards thee.
- That thou deign to preserve in
us the perfect observance of
the rule of thy brother, our
most holy Father Saint Be-
nedict.
- That thou deign, by thy sup-
plications, to moisten the
dryness of our hearts with
the dew of heavenly grace.
- That, by thy intercession, thou
mayest eternally unite us to
Christ, the Spouse of our
souls.
- That thou mayest lead us to
eternal joys, and to Jesus,
our most sweet Spouse.
- That thou vouchsafe to hear
us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. *Parce nobis, Domine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. *Exaudi nos, Domine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. *Miserere nobis.*

Ÿ. Ora pro nobis, sancta Virgo Scholastica.

Rz. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

Orémus.

Deus, qui animam beatæ Virginis tuæ Scholasticæ, ad ostendendam innocentiam suæ viam, in columbæ specie cælum penetrare fecisti; da nobis ejus méritis et precibus ita innocentem vivere: ut ad æterna mereámur gaudia pervenire. Per, &c.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

Ÿ. Pray for us, O holy Virgin Scholastica.

Rz. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend into heaven in the form of a dove; grant, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently, as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through, &c.

PRAYER FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

Ant. Cùm Sanctus Benedictus in cellâ consisteret, elevatis in æra oculis, vidit sororis suæ animam de ejus corpore egressam, in columbæ specie cœli secreta penetrare; qui tantæ ejus gloriæ congaudens, Omnipotenti Deo in hymnis et laudibus grátias reddidit, ejusque obitum fratribus denuntiavit.

Ant. Whilst Saint Benedict was standing in his cell, with his eyes raised towards the sky, he saw the soul of his sister, separated from her body, entering into the courts of heaven, in the form of a dove: rejoicing at the greatness of her glory, he gave thanks to Almighty God in hymns and canticles, and made her departure known to his brethren.

Ÿ. Quæ est ista, quæ
ut nubes volat?

Ry. Et quasi columba
ad fenêstras suas?

Ÿ. Who is she that flieth
like a cloud?

Ry. And is as a dove at the
openings of the dovecot?

Orémus.

Deus, qui, &c., *ut suprâ.*

Let us pray.

O God, &c., *as above.*

HYMNS IN HONOUR OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

SUITABLE FOR NOVENAS, ETC.

I.

HYMN FOR FIRST VESPERS OF A PECULIAR OFFICE FOR THE
FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA.*

Terris lux rédiit festa:	On this, her feast, Scholastica's
Scholásticæ	sweet name
Nunc templis résonat no-	Resounds through every
men in ómnibus;	clime;
Tranquillis súperum cœti-	While she with saints in God's
bis áddita	bright presence rests,
Præsens númipe pásci-	In peace sublime.
tur.	

Abdit se táctis Virgo re-	'Mid cloistered silence, whither
céssibus,	Heaven invites,
Quo cœléstis agit dux amor	In solitude she lives;
hóspitam;	
Nescíri cúpidum, quâ licet,	Her brother's humble ways to
éxprimit	imitate
Fratrem jam soror	With ardour strives.
æmula.	

* From "Breviarium Monasticum," Parisiis, P. de Bats, A.D. 1736.

Hic dum sidereæ præmia And while in holy contempla-
 Cûriæ tion rapt,
 Sublîmi réputat mentis in She lifts to Heaven her eyes,
 ótio,
 Romæ delicias princípis úr- She, Rome's alluring pleasure,
 bium, pomp, and pride
 Pompam, gaúdia ré- Learns to despise.
 spuit.

Humáno métuens fœdere Dreading the entanglements of
 décipi, worldly love,
 Sacris se próperat júngere Christ for her spouse she
 vínculis chose,
 Christo, virginei quam And all the affections of her
 bene próvida virgin heart
 Laudem pectoris ás- On Him bestows.
 truit.

Sponsi perpétuis languet Her bosom ever throbs for His
 amóribus, dear love,
 Longi non pátitur tædia And scorns all long delays ;
 témporis ;
 Sordet terra, diu se gemit An exile here on earth for
 éxulem, heaven's repose
 Voto sídera tránsvolat. She earnest prays.

Quid non cogis, amor ? Stí- What will not Love attempt ?
 pite pénduli When on the Cross
 Dum Christi mádidum sán- Christ bathed in blood she
 guine cónspicit sees,
 Corpus, certa pati, cónterit She shares His pains, and to
 áspersis her guiltless limbs
 Insons membra labóri- Denies all ease.
 bus.

Patri, máxima sit glória, Let endless praise be to the
 máximo ; Father paid,
 Nato laus éadem Patris And to the Son the same ;
 imágini :
 Sit par Spíritui, cujus adú- And to Their Spirit, of whose
 ritur love, our Saint
 Flammis Virgo Scho- Feels the bright flame.
 lástica. Amen.
 Amen.

(J. K.)

II.

HYMN AT MATINS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

Prodi, te látebris, Virgo diútius	Too long thy plighted word has kept thee hid ;
Sponso pacta fides détinet ábditam :	Come, leave thy cell at length ;
Ad majóra vocans múnera súfficit	He, who to higher duties calls thee now,
Vires numen idóneas.	Will give thee strength.
Vox coeléstis adest, slicit ánnuis ;	Thou hast His call obeyed ; thy sisterhood
Agnoscitque domus te pia præsidem :	Are happy 'neath thy sway ;
Discent sacra tuis ágmina Víriginum,	And Virtue's precepts mildly taught by thee,
Mores fíngere móribus.	Learn to obey.
Dulces unánimi grex tener ámbitu	The first fond feelings of their guileless souls,
Cælo primítias pectoris ím- molat ;	They on Love's altar lay ;
Illæsásque rapi tot sibi víc- timas	Hell groans, that such pure victims, from its grasp,
Frendens tártarus ín- gemit.	Are torn away.
Quantis hic píetas floret honóribus !	With duteous haste, their Mother's slightest wish
Matérnis dóciles nútibus óbsequi,	Nobly they strive to meet ;
Quo fert illa gradum prævia, géstiant	And eager follow, where she leads the way,
Cursu téndere próximo.	With willing feet.
Patri, máxima sit glória, máximo ;	Let endless praise be to the Father paid ;
Nato laus éadem Patris imáginí :	And to the Son the same ;
Sit par Spíritui, cujus adú- ritur	And to Their Spirit, of whose love, our Saint
Flammis Virgo Scho- lástica. Amen.	Feels the bright flame. Amen.

(J. K.)

III.

HYMN AT LAUDS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

Quæ sibi Christus vóluit dicári Sánguinis blando sociáta nexus, Non jubet solvi, melióre jungit Péctora vinclo.	Christ doth not wish to break the ties of blood, When hallowed by His love:— But with a holier bond He ever doth Those ties improve.
Síngulis ibat Benedíctus annis Obviam frater semel ad so- rórem ; Par soror fratri, bene fida pignus Reddit amóris.	Thus Benedict was wont, each passing year, His Sister once to meet ; Whilst she, her brother, with like fondness fired, Made haste to greet.
Quam tenet dulcis mora colloquéntes ! Ore concórdes animóque versant Lúcidum cœli decus, et beátæ Gáudia vitæ.	How quick in converse sweet the moments fly ! One both in heart and mind,— In speaking of the joys of fu- ture life They pleasure find.
Ecce jam terris cita nox ruébat ; Ad suos frater próperat re- vérti : Mœsta discéssu rétines eún- tem, Virgo, nec audit.	Night comes apace : her Bro- ther to his home Hastes to return again : She, sorely grieved, asks him with her to stay ; But all in vain.
Invocas numen, gemis, ora fletu Irrigas ; cœlum tegit atra nubes : Hórridos inter súbito fra- góres Décidit imber.	With sighs and tears to Heaven she then appeals ; When dark clouds, gather- ing, lower ; And, 'mid the crash of thun- der, lightning's glare, Wild torrents pour.

Quis tuam sensus, Bene- dicte, mentem Occupat? mirá soror arte vincit:	What, Benedict, must be thy thoughts to see God thus her wish obey?
Te Dei terret manifesta cœlo Facta volúntas.	His Will made manifest, com- pels thee now With her to stay.
Débitas omni tibi mundus ævo, Trínitas reddat veneránda laudes, Cujus imménsum soror æqua fratri Numen adorát.	Blest Trinity! whose ever hal- lowed name Our Saints with awe adore, May Thy loud praise, through every age and clime, Grow more and more.
Amen.	Amen. (J. K.)

IV.

HYMN FOR SECOND VESPERS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

Integræ merces sua casti- táti Pénditur; virtus tûmulo supérstes: Hanc colit quisquis plácita beándus Morte quiéscit.	The purely chaste outlive this world; for death, Which most things else de- stroys, Spares modest virtue, and on it bestows Heaven's brightest joys.
Córporeis tandem láqueo so- lútus, Liber ad sedes ánimus su- pérnas Evolat: longo datur ecce meta, Virgo, labóri.	The soul, freed from the tram- mels of the flesh, Flies to the realms of peace: And so, pure Virgin! in this weary world Thy labours cease.
Dum vacat cœlo Benedíctus imis Altior terris, símilem co- lúmbæ	For whilst, with thoughts and eyes upraised to Heaven, Thy brother scans the sky,

Virginem cernit, rápidos secantem Aëra pennis.	He sees thy dove-like soul, on rapid wing, Ascend on high.
Arcet indignos animosa fle- tus Charitas : hymnis celebrat triumphum, Et jubet condi moriens eo- dem Ossa sepulchro.	His lively love forbids his tears to flow ; Joy fills his happy breast ; He wills his bones, at death, in the same grave, With thine may rest.
Jam tuo Sponsus capiti co- ronam Cingit ; æternos agitas amores, Sponsa. Sis nostri memor, et tuorum Excipe vota.	Thy Spouse, in honour of thy plighted troth, With glory crowns thy brows,— Regard us kindly, and, with pitying heart, Receive our vows.
Débitas omni tibi mundus ævo, Trinitas reddat veneranda laudes, Cujus immensum soror, æqua fratri, Numen adorat. Amen.	Blest Trinity ! whose ever hal- lowed name Our Saints with awe adore, May thy loud praise, through every age and clime, Grow more and more. Amen. (J. K.)

V.

HYMN AT MATINS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA.

In "Officia Propria Congregationis Gallicæ, O. S. B."

Hymnis angelicis ora resól- vimus, Dum terréna fluunt nocte siléntia :	Whilst earthly sounds are hushed in silent night, Come we to mingle with an- gelic choirs ;
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- Cœlestes módulos virgo With hearts of love to chant
 Scholástica those strains divine
 Puris mētibz impe- Which, from on high, Scho-
 rat. lastica inspires.
- Gentis Nursiadam stēm- Of Nursia's noble stock, yet
 mate nóbilis, nobler far
 Agni virgineo fœdere clá- In nuptial garments of the
 rior, Lamb arrayed,
 Sponsi perpétuis fragrat She sheds abroad the fragrance
 odóribz, of her Spouse,
 Cordis vúlnerē púl- More comely through the
 chrrior. wounds that love has
 made.
- Fervens innócuiz páscitur With Charity's bright flames
 ígnibz, her spirit glows,
 Et majóra petit pábula chá- Whilst she fresh fuel seeks
 ritas; to feed her love :
 Ut frater súperum gaúdia A victor in a holy strife, she
 déserat, hears
 Virgo fórtior ímpetrat. A brother's lips recount of
 joys above.
- O noctis plácidæ dúlcia tém- O ! sweet the moments of that
 pora ! tranquil night
 Quæ cœli dápiusz pectus When heaven's feasts in-
 inébriant, ebriate the breast ;
 Dum pandit cúpidis sermo Whilst mutual colloquies to
 vicárius each unfold
 Jesu numen amábile. How sweet it is in Jesu's
 love to rest.
- Cordis vera quies, ínclýta True peace of heart, thrice
 Trínitas, holy Trinity !
 Quæ vultús sátiás lúmine Which satiates those souls
 cœlites; that rest in Thee,
 Sit Te dulce loqui, dúlcíus Sweet 'tis of Thee to speak,
 ássequi, but sweeter far
 Et per sœcula pérfrui. To follow, and enjoy eter-
 Amen. nally. Amen.
 (J. W. B.)

VI.

FROM THE SAME.—THE HYMN AT LAUDS.

Jam noctis umbræ cónci-	The shades of night are fleeting
dunt,	fast,
Dies cupíta nascitur,	The longed-for day it dawns
	apace,
Quâ vírgini Scholásticæ	On which Scholastica was
	joined
Sponsus perénis júngitur.	Unto her Spouse's chaste
	embrace.

Brumæ recédit tædium ;	The dreary winter now is
	passed,
Fugántur imbres núbibus :	And scattered are the dis-
	mal showers ;
Vernántque campi síderum	The meadows of the stars shoot
	forth,
Æternitátis flóribus.	And blossom with unfading
	flowers.

Amóris auctor évocat :	Lo ! Jesus calleth from on
	high !
Dilécta pennas índuit ;	Swift as a dove in eager
	flight,
Ardens ad oris óscula	She soars, on wings of ardent
	love,
Colúmba velox évolat.	To mansions of supernal
	light.

Quam pulchra gressum pró-	How beautiful thy heavenward
moves,	path,
O chara proles Príncipis !	Fair offspring of a saintly
	Sire !
Nursínus Abbas áspicit,	Nursia's great Abbot sees thy
	flight,
Grates repéndit Númini.	And feels within a kindred
	fire.

Ampléxa Sponsi dexteram,	Clasped in the bosom of her Spouse,
Metit coronas débitas,	A well-earned crown her temples grace ;
Immérsa rivis glóriæ,	Immersed in streams of joy supreme,
Deique pota gáudiis.	She reigns with God for endless days.

Te, Christe, flos convállium,	Sweet Jesus, floweret of the vale !
Patrémque, cum Paráclito,	Father and Paraclete, to Thee
Cunctos per orbis cárdines,	Be ceaseless praise from all the earth,
Adóret omne sæculum.	In time, and through eter- nity. Amen.
Amen.	

(J. W. B.)

VII.

FROM "HYMNI LATINI MEDII ÆVI." *

Christe, redemptor óm- nium,	Christ, Thou redeemer of man- kind !
Exáudi preces súpplicum,	O ! hear our prayer and grant us aid ;
Quos redemísti ságuine,	Nor ever let our souls be lost,
Nullo déseras témpore.	Whose price thy blood has paid.
Laudes, quas tibi cánimus,	Kindly receive the songs of praise,
Súscipe gratiis, rex pius,	Which joyously we sing to Thee ;
Nos Scholásticæ júbibus	And let Scholastica's good prayers
Tu fove sanctis précibus.	Our succour ever be.

* Vol. iii. No. 1146.

Quæ, dante tuâ grâtiâ,	Aided by thy all-powerful grace,
Te colens fecit ómnia,	Her prayers have never been in vain ;
Dudum tu ejus lácrymis	Erst to her tears and earnest sighs,
Imbrem dedísti ex súperis.	Thou gavest timely rain.
Scholástica, virgo Dei,	Scholastica, God's virgin pure,
Decus sacrárum vírginum,	The pride of sweet virginity,
Sprevit cuncta sæculi,	To follow Christ her Lord, for- sook
Sequendo Christum Dó- minum.	All earthly vanity.
Conémur totis víribus,	Let us contend with all our might,
Jungámus preces précibus,	And let us join in ceaseless prayer,
Ut Scholásticæ méritis	That, through her merits' pow- erful aid,
Cœli fruámur gaúdiis.	Heaven's bliss we, too, may share.
Laus, honor, virtus, glória,	Eternal honour, virtue, praise !
Regnum perpes, victória	Be to the Father and the Son ;
Sit Patri et Filio, Flámini	And to the holy Paraclete,
Semper continuo. Amen.	Thrice blessed Three in One. Amen.

(J. K.)

VIII.

FROM THE SAME.*

Hymíza cum tripúdio	All ye that in the cloister dwell,
Et cantu, grex monástice,	Exult and sing a joyful lay ;
Fervénti colens stúdio	Praise ye the blest Scholastica,
Solémnia Scholásticæ.	On this her happy festal day.

* No. 1147.

Hæc spernit ab infantiâ

Cum suo flore sæculum,
Sequendo cum constantiâ
Mariam vitæ speculum.

The world, and all its false
delights,
Even in infancy, she spurned ;
To copy Mary's spotless life,
Her soul with constant ardour
burned.

Germâna fratri similis,
Mundi dirûptis cásibus,

Ad Christum Sponsum nó-
bilis
Mentis currébat pássibus.

The worthy sister of a saint,
She broke from every earthly
tie ;
Her noble heart sought Christ
alone,
With Him to live, for Him to
die.

Hinc sanctimoniálum

Exémplar esse méruit,
Bonórum æternálum

Quibus iter apérui.

Thus she deserved to be the
guide
Of holy nuns, and ope the way
To heaven, with all its trea-
sured wealth,
And joys which never fleet
away.

Regnâret ut hiláriter,

Servilis motus fómotis

Subjiciens viriliter,
His imperâvit dómotis.

Yet, guiding others, well she
knew
How weak is nature ; and she
strove
To subjugate the unruly flesh,
That thus she might more
purely love.

Hæc nunquam cum errân-
tibus

Mundi cucúrrit dévia,

Ut Christo famulántibus

Lux esset et dux prævia.

Never, by vain desires o'er-
come,
Did she through earthly by-
paths stray ;
Beside Christ's handmaids firm
she stood,
To light and lead them on their
way.

Frater audire rénuît

Hujus precem sollicitam,

Once, when her brother had
refused
To listen to her earnest prayer,

Soror invítum ténuít	<i>Her will prevailed ; for, at her</i>
Per tempestátém súbitam.	<i>word,</i> <i>A sudden tempest filled the air.</i>
Ut nos deféndat míserans,	<i>O thou ! whose prayers thus</i>
Ad aures Dei clámíta ;	<i>pierced the sky,</i>
Tu cœlum prece réserans	<i>Our mother, sister, advocate !</i>
Dux, mater, soror, ámita.	<i>Exert thy power in our behalf,</i> <i>And open wide the heavenly</i> <i>gate.</i>
Dignáre nos hoc nómine	<i>O ! make us worthy to be</i>
Gaudére fratris fíliis ; *	<i>called</i> <i>The children of thy brother</i> <i>blest ;</i>
Confirma nomen ómine,	<i>And cause his holy name to be</i>
Juvántibus auxiliis.	<i>An omen of eternal rest.</i>
Sit Deo Patri glória,	<i>Praise to the Father, Lord of</i> <i>all !</i>
Sit Nato, sit Paráclito,	<i>To Son and Spirit equally ;</i>
Dum fámulæ victória	<i>While thus we sing, in fitting</i> <i>strain,</i>
Cultu laudátur débito.	<i>Their handmaid's happy vic-</i>
Amen.	<i>tory. Amen.</i>

(P. A. O'N.)

In the works of Venerable Bede (vol. vii. p. 342, edit. Coloniz Agrippinz, mdcxii.), we find a beautiful discourse on Saint Scholastica, as a commentary on the account of her death, recorded by Saint Gregory the Great, in his second book of Dialogues. There is also a Poem, in which every alternate line ends with the same three words that begin the preceding one, and which has been wrongly attributed to Paul the Deacon. Venerable Bede tells us that it was the work of a certain poet, who had travelled from Germany to the monastery of Jarrow, to the threshold (*ad limina*) of Blessed Father Benedict, and composed the poem in honour of his most blessed sister Scholastica.

See "Tabula Votiva appensa tholo S. Scholasticæ, &c. a P. Joanne Rubeo (aliàs Reade, or Selby) Congr. Angl. O.S.B.—Romæ, mdcclix." Also, "St. Scholastica's Office of Devotion, &c. Presented to the Very Reverend English Benedictine Dames of Our Blessed Lady of Consolation in Cambray, by Eupoimen, A.D. 1718." This community is now at Stanbrook, near Worcester, having removed thither from Abbot's Salford, near Evesham, in the year 1838.

* fratris fíliis ; the *lacuna* supplied.

FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN AND ABBESS.

FEBRUARY X.

Double of the second Class with an Octave.

*In the First Vespers (said Feb. 9) all as in the Second
Vespers, p. 161.**

At Mass.

INTROITUS. Surge, prôpera, amica mea, colûmba mea, et veni : jam enim hiems tránsiit, imber ábiit et recéssit. Ps. liv. Quis dabit mihi pennas sicut colûmbæ ? et volábo et requiéscam. *Ÿ. Glória, &c.*

INTROIT. Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, and come : for winter is now past, the rain is over and gone. Ps. liv. Who will give me wings like a dove ? and I will fly and be at rest. *Ÿ. Glory, &c.*

ORATIO. Deus, qui ánimam Beátæ Vírginis tuæ Scholásticæ, ad ostendéndam innocéntiæ suæ viam, in colûmbæ spécie cœlum penetráre fecísti ; da nobis ejus méritis et précibus, ita innocénter vívere : ut ad ætéRNA mereámur gaúdia pervenire. Per, &c.

COLLECT. O God, who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend into heaven in the form of a dove ; grant, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through, &c.

LECTIO LIBRI SAPIENTIÆ.
Cant. viii.

LESSON FROM THE CANTICLE
OF CANTICLES. viii.

Quis mihi det te fratrem meum súgentem úbera ma-

Who shall give thee to me for my brother, sucking the

* See also page 166.

tris meæ, ut invéniam te foris, et deósculer te, et jam me nemo despiciat? Apprehéndam te, et ducam in domum matris meæ. Ibi me docébis: et dabo tibi póculum ex vino condíto; et mustum malórum granatórum meórum. Læva ejus sub cápite meo, et dextera illius amplexábitur me. Adjúro vos filiæ Jerúsalem, ne suscitétis, neque evigiláre faciátis dílectam, donec ipsa velit.

GRADUALE. Aquæ multæ non potuérunt extingueré charitátem, nec flúmina óbruent illam. *Ÿ.* Si déderit homo omnem substantíam domús suæ pro dilectióne; quasi nihil despiciet eam. Allelúia, allelúia. *Ÿ.* Dílectus meus mihi et ego illi, qui pás-citur inter lília, donec aspíret dies, et inclinéntur umbræ.

After Septuagesima Alleluia is omitted, and the following is said:—

TRACTUS. Invéni quem díligit ánima mea, ténuieum, nec dimíttam. *Ÿ.* Oleum effúsum nomen tuum; ideo adolescéntulæ dílexérunt te. *Ÿ.* Trahe me post te, currémus in odórem unguentórum tuórum. *Ÿ.* Exultábimus et lætábimur in te, mémore úberum tuórum super vinum: recti díligunt te.

breasts of my mother, that I may find thee without, and kiss thee, and now no man may despise me? I will take hold of thee, and bring thee into my mother's house. There thou shalt teach me, and I will give thee a cup of spiced wine and new wine of my pomegranates. His left hand under my head, and his right hand shall embrace me. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that you stir not up, nor awake my love till she please.

GRADUAL. Many waters cannot quench charity, neither can the floods drown it. *Ÿ.* If a man should give all the substance of his house for love, he shall despise it as nothing. Alleluia, alleluia. *Ÿ.* My beloved to me, and I to him, who feedeth among the lilies, till the day break, and the shadows retire.

TRACT. I found him whom my soul loveth, I held him, and will not let him go. *Ÿ.* Thy name is as oil poured out; therefore young maidens have loved thee. *Ÿ.* Draw me, we will run after thee in the odour of thy ointments. *Ÿ.* We will be glad and rejoice in thee, remembering thy breasts more than wine: the righteous love thee.

SEQUENTIA.

Emicat merídiēs,
Et beáta réquies,
 Vírini Scholásticæ.

Intrat in cubícula,
Sponsi petit óscula,
 Quem amávit únice.

Quantis cum gemítibus,
Cordis et ardóribus,
 Hæc Diléctum quæsiit !

Movit cœlos lácrymis,
Imbribúsque plúrimis
 Pectus fratris mólliit.

O grata collóquia !
Cum cœlórum gáudia
 Benedíctus éxplicat.

Ardent desidéria ;
Mentis et suspíria
 Virgo sponsus éxcitat.

Veni formosíssima,
Sponsa dilectíssima,
 Veni coronáberis !

SEQUENCE.

See, the day has dawned at
 last,
Which, her earthly labours
 past,
 Called Scholastica to rest.

He, the object of her love,
Takes her to his home above,
 There to reign for ever
 blest.

O ! how great was her desire,
How her heart did burn with
 fire,
 When she strove her
 Spouse to find.

As she weeps the heavens
 bend,
Heavy floods of rain descend
 To subdue her brother's
 mind.

How she treasured every word,
When his favoured tongue she
 heard,
 Dwelling on the joys
 above.

Then she heaved still deeper
 sighs,
Then she turned her longing
 eyes,
 Towards that happy home
 of love.

Come, thou soul of beauty,
 come !
Spouse most loving, welcome
 home !
 Wear thy crown for ever-
 more !

Dórmies in líliis,
Afflues delíciis,

Et inebriáberis !

O colúmba vírginum,
Quæ de ripis flúminum,

Adis aulam glóriæ.

Trahe nos odóribus,
Pasce et ubéribus
Immortális grátia.

Amen. Allelúia.

Purest lilies form thy bed,
'Mid their fragrance rest thy
head,

Now the time of grief is
o'er.

Virgin, lovely as a dove,
Leaving earth for realms
above,—

Halls that with true glory
shine.

Draw us by thy fragrancy,
Nourish us maternally
At the fount of grace di-
vine.

Amen. Alleluia.

SEQUENTIA SANCTI EVAN-
GELII SECUNDUM MAT-
THEUM. XXV. 1.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO ST. MATTHEW. XXV. 1.

*In illo tempore, Dixit
Jesus discipulis suis pará-
bolam hanc : Símile erit
regnum cœlórum decem
virgínibus : quæ accipién-
tes lámpades suas, exiérunt
óbviám sponso et sponsæ.
Quínque autem ex eis
erant fátuæ, et quínque
prudéntes : sed quínque
fátuæ, accéptis lampádibus,
non sumpsérunt óleum se-
cum : prudéntes vero ac-
cepérunt óleum in vasis
suis cum lampádibus. Mo-
ram autem faciénté sponso,
dormitavérunt omnes et
dormiérunt. Médiâ autem
nocte clamor factus est :
Ecce, sponsus venit : exíte
óbviám ei. Tunc surrexé-*

*At that time, Jesus spoke to
his disciples this parable : The
kingdom of heaven shall be
like to ten virgins ; who, tak-
ing their lamps, went out to
meet the bridegroom and the
bride. And five of them were
foolish, and five wise. But
the five foolish, having taken
their lamps, did not take oil
with them ; but the wise took
oil in their vessels with their
lamps. And the bridegroom
tarrying, they all slumbered
and slept. And at midnight
there was a cry made : Behold
the bridegroom cometh, go ye
forth to meet him. Then all
those virgins arose and trimmed
their lamps. And the foolish
said to the wise : Give us of*

runt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornáverunt lámpades suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixerunt : Date nobis de óleo vestro : quia lámpades nostræ extingúntur. Respondérunt prudéntes, dicéntes : Ne forte non sufficiat nobis et vobis, ite pótius ad vendéntes, et émite vobis. Dum autem irent émere, venit sponsus : et quæ parátæ erant, intráverunt cum eo ad núp-tias, et clausa est jánuæ. Novíssimè vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicéntes : Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens, ait : Amen dico vobis, nescio vos. Vigilate itaque, quia nescitis diem neque horam.

OFFERTORIUM. Intónuit Dóminus de cælo, et Altíssimus dedit vocem suam ; grando et carbónes ignis ; fúlgura multiplicávit et conturbávit eos, et apparuérunt fontes aquárum. Alleluia.

SECRETA. Súscipe, quæsumus Dómine, desidéria supplicántium cum oblaciónibus hostiárum : ut interveniénte Beátâ Scholástica Vírgine tuâ, quæ te sincéro diléxit amóre, fides in nobis et cháritas augeátur. Per, &c.

COMMUNIO. Si manséritis in me, et verba mea in vo-

your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying : Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go you rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came : and they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last came also the other virgins, saying : Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered, saying : Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye, therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

OFFERTORY. The Lord thundered from heaven, and the highest gave his voice : hail and coals of fire ; he multiplied lightnings and troubled them, and the fountains of waters appeared. Alleluia.

SECRET. Receive, we beseech thee, O Lord, the desires of thy suppliants with the offerings of sacrifice : that, by the intercession of Blessed Scholastica, thy Virgin, who loved thee with a sincere love, faith and charity may be increased in us. Through, &c.

COMMUNION. If you abide in me, and my words abide in

his mánserint, quodcúmque voluéritis petétis et fiet vobis, dicit Dóminus.

you, you shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you, saith the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNIO. Famliam tuam, quæsumus Dómine, spiritali cibo satiátam Beátæ Virginitus tuæ Scholásticæ méritis propitiús respice; ut, sicut ipseus precibus, ad obtinéndum quod optábat, imbrem cœlitus descendere fecisti: ita ejus supplicatióibus ariditatem cordis nostri supérnæ dignéris grátiae rore perfúndere. Per, &c.

POSTCOMMUNION. We beseech thee, O Lord, through the merits of thy holy Virgin Saint Scholastica, to look propitiously on thy family, whom thou hast fed with spiritual food; that, as, through her prayers, thou didst cause rain to descend from heaven, that she might obtain what she desired: so, by her supplications, thou wouldst deign to moisten the dryness of our hearts with the dew of thy holy grace. Through, &c.

Second Verses.

Pater noster, &c. Ave María, &c.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adiutorium meum inténde.

Rz. Dómine, ad adiuvándum me festína. Glória, &c.

Ant. Hæc est virgo, ut *infra.*

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus, &c., fol. 13.

Ant. Hæc est virgo sapiens, et una de número prudentum.

Ant. Hæc est virgo, ut *infra.*

Ps. cxii. Laudate púeri, &c., fol. 122.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline unto my aid, O God.

Rz. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory, &c.

Ant. This is a wise, as *below.*

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c., p. 13.

Ant. This is a wise virgin, and one of the number of the prudent.

Ant. This is a wise, as *below.*

Ps. cxii. Praise the Lord, &c., p. 122.

Ant. Hæc est virgo sapiens, quam Dóminus vigilántem invénit.

Ant. This is a wise virgin, whom the Lord found watching.

Ant. Hæc est quæ, ut *infra*.

Ant. This is she who, as *below*.

Ps. cxxi.

Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi : * in domum Dómini ibimus.

Stantes erant pedes nostri : * in átriis tuis Jerúsalem.

Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut civitas : * cujus participatio ejus in idípsum.

Illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, — tribus Dómini : * testimónium Israel, ad confiténdum nómini Dómini.

Quia illic sederunt sedes in iudicio : * sedes super domum David.

Rogáte quæ ad pacem sunt Jerúsalem : * et abundantia diligéntibus te.

Fiat pax in virtúte tuâ : * et abundantia in túrribus tuis.

Propter fratres meos et próximos meos : * loquēbar pacem de te.

Propter domum Dómini Dei nostri : * quæsi vi bona tibi.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Hæc est quæ nescívit torum in delicto ; habébit fructum in respectióne animárum sanctórum.

Ant. Ista est, ut *infra*.

Ps. cxxi.

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me : * We shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing : * in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city : * which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, — the tribes of the Lord : * the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because their seats have sat in judgment : * seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem : * and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength : * and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and my neighbours : * I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God : * I have sought good things for thee.

Glory, &c.

Ant. This is she who knew not the bed in sin ; she shall have fruit in the regard of holy souls.

Ant. This is, as *below*.

Ps. cxxvi.

Nisi Dóminus ædificá-
verit domum,* in vanum
laboravérunt qui ædificant
eam.

Nisi Dóminus custodíerit
civitátem:* frustra vígilat
qui custódit eam.

Vanum est vobis ante
lucem súrgere:* súrgite
postquam sedéritis; qui
manducátis panem dolóris.

Cum déderit diléctis suis
somnum:* ecce hæréditas
Dómini filii; merces, fruc-
tus ventris.

Sicut sagíttæ in manu
poténtis:* ita filii excus-
sórum.

Beátus vir qui implévit
desiderium suum ex ipsis:*
non confundétur cum loqué-
tur inimícis suis in portá.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Ista est speciósa
inter filias Jerúsalem.

Ps. cxxvi.

Except the Lord build the
house:* they labour in vain
that build it.

Except the Lord keep the
city:* he watcheth in vain
that keepeth it.

It is vain for you to rise
before light:* rise ye after you
have sitten; you that eat the
bread of sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to
his beloved:* behold, children
are the inheritance of the
Lord; their reward, the fruit
of the womb.

As arrows in the hand of
the mighty:* so are the
children of them that have
been shaken.

Blessed is the man that hath
filled his desire with them:*
he shall not be confounded
when he shall speak to his
enemies in the gate.

Glory, &c.

Ant. This is the fair one
among the daughters of Jeru-
salem.

CAPITULUM. 2 Cor. x. 17.

Fratres, qui gloriátur, in
Dómino gloriétur: Non
enim qui seípsum commén-
dat ille probátus est, sed
quem Deus comméndat.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Rz. B. Adjuvábit eam *
Deus vultu suo. Rz. Ad-
juvábít, &c. Y. Deus in
medio ejus non commové-

LITTLE CHAPTER. 2 Cor. x. 17.

Brethren, let him that glo-
rieth, glory in the Lord: For
he is not approved who com-
mendeth himself, but whom
God commends.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Rz. B. God shall assist her
* with his countenance. Rz.
God, &c. Y. God is in the
midst of her, she shall not be

bitur. * Deus vultu suo.
Glória Patri, et Filio, et
Spirítui Sancto. R̃z. Adju-
vábít, &c.

moved. * With his counte-
nance. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. R̃z. God, &c.

HYMNUS.

Jesu coróna vírginum,

Quem mater illa cóncipit,
Quæ sola virgo párturit ;
Hæc vota clemens áccipe.

Qui pascis inter lília,

Septus choréis vírginum,

Sponsus decórus glória,

Sponsisque reddens præmia.

Quocúmque pergis vírgines

Sequúntur, atque laúdibus

Post te canéntes cúrsitant,

Hymnósque dulces pèrso-
nant.

Te deprecámur lárgius,

Nostris adaúge sénsibus,

Nescire prorsus ómnia

Corruptiónis vúlnera.

Laus, honor, virtus, glória,

Deo Patri, et Filio,

HYMN.

Regard our vows with gracious
eye,

O Jesus, crown of purity ;
Son of that chosen woman, who
Was virgin chaste and mother
too.

The whitest lilies pave thy
way,

And choirs of virgins round
thee play,

O glorious bridegroom, who
dost bless

Thy brides with endless hap-
piness.

Which way so'er thy course
doth bend,

Chaste virgins on thy steps
attend,

Who, running after Thee, do
raise

Their notes to sing loud
hymns of praise.

We beg most humbly that our
sense

May feel thy heavenly in-
fluence,

And ne'er be wounded by those
darts

Which poison and defile our
hearts.

To God the Father, and the
Son,

And Holy Spirit, Three in
One,

Sancto simul Paráclito

In sæculórum sæcula.

Amen.

Be honour, glory, fame, and
praise,

For an eternal length of
days. Amen.

Ÿ. Quæ est ista, quæ ut
nubes volat?

Rz. Et quasi colúmba
ad fenéstras suas?

Ant. Dedit mihi, *ut
infra.*

CANT. Magnificat, &c.,
fol. 15.

Ant. Dedit mihi Dómi-
nus pennas sicut colúmbæ,
volábo et requiéscam.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c.

Dóminus vobíscum.

Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, qui, &c., *ut supra,*
fol. 156.

Dóminus vobíscum.

Et cum spíritu tuo.

Ÿ. Benedicámus Dómino.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Fidélium ánimæ, per
misericórdiam Dei, requi-
éscant in pace. Rz. Amen.

Ÿ. Who is she that flieth
like a cloud?

Rz. And is as a dove at the
openings of the dovecot?

Ant. The Lord has given,
as below.

CANT. My soul doth mag-
nify, &c., *p. 15.*

Ant. The Lord has given
me wings like those of a dove,
I will fly and be at rest.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who, &c., *as above,*
p. 156.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. May the souls of the
faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Rz. Amen.

PROPER VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA.*

In the First Vespers (said Feb. 9), all as in the Second Vespers, except—

Ant. ad Magnificat. Ex-
ultet ómnium turba fidé-
lium pro glóriâ Virginis
almæ Scholasticæ; læténtur
præcipuè catervæ virginum,
celebrántes ejus solemnité-
tem, quæ fundens lácrymas
Dóminum rogávit, et ab
eo plus pótuit, quia plus
amávit.

Ant. at the Magnificat. Let
the crowd of all the faithful
exult at the glory of the spot-
less Virgin Scholastica; espe-
cially, let the choirs of virgins
be glad, celebrating the so-
lemnity of her, who with tears
besought the Lord, and availed
more with Him, because she
loved more

Second Vespers

Pater noster, &c. Ave
María, &c.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium meum inténde.

Rz. Dómine ad adju-
vándum me festína.

Glória, &c.

Ant. Egrédere, ut infra.
Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus,
&c., fol. 13.

Ant. Egrédere, modò,
frater; egrédere si potes,
et, me dimissâ, ad monas-
térium recéde.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary,
&c.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline unto my aid,
O God.

Rz. O Lord, make haste to
help me.

Glory, &c.

Ant. Depart, &c., as below.
Ps. cix. The Lord said,
&c., p. 13.

Ant. Depart now, brother;
depart, if thou canst; and leave
me to return to thy monastery.

* See "Officia Propria Congregationis Gallicæ, O.S.B."

Ant. Parcat tibi, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxii. Laudáte púeri,
&c., *fol.* 122.

Ant. Parcat tibi, soror,
Omnípotens Deus ; Quid est
quod fecísti ?

Ant. Ecce te, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxxi. Lætátus sum,
&c., *fol.* 162.

Ant. Ecce te rogávi, et
audíre me nolúisti ; rogávi
Dóminum meum, et exau-
dívit me.

Ant. Cùm Sanctus, *ut
infrà.*

Ps. cxxvi. Nisi Dómi-
nus, &c., *fol.* 163.

Ant. Cùm Sanctus Be-
nedíctus, post trídium, in
cellâ consisteret elevátis
óculis vidit soróris ánimam,
de córpore egréssam, in co-
lúmbæ spécie cœli secréta
penetráre.

CAPITULUM. *Cant.* ii. 13.

Surge, amíca mea, spe-
ciósa mea, et veni ; colúm-
ba mea in foráminibus pe-
træ, in cavérnâ macériæ,
osténde mihi fáciem tuam ;
sonet vox tua in aúribus
meis : vox enim tua dulcis,
et fácies tua decóra.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Rz. B. In colúmbæ spé-
cie * Scholásticæ ánimæ visa
est. *Rz.* In, &c. *Ÿ.* Fra-
térna mens lætáta est.

Ant. Almighty God, *as
below.*

Ps. cxii. Praise the Lord,
&c., *p.* 122.

Ant. Almighty God, forgive
thee, sister ; What is it thou
hast done ?

Ant. Behold, *as below.*

Ps. cxxi. I rejoiced, &c.,
p. 162.

Ant. Behold, I asked thee,
and thou wouldst not hear me ;
I asked my Lord, and He has
heard me.

Ant. As Saint Benedict, *as
below.*

Ps. cxxvi. Except the Lord,
&c., *p.* 163.

Ant. As Saint Benedict,
three days afterwards, was
standing in his cell, lifting up
his eyes, he saw the soul of
his sister, that had departed
from her body, entering into
the courts of Heaven in the
form of a dove.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Cant.* ii. 13.

Arise, my love, my beautiful
one, and come ; my dove in
the cliffs of the rock, in the
hollow places of the wall, show
me thy face, let thy voice
sound in my ears : for thy
voice is sweet, and thy face
comely.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Rz. B. In the form of a
dove * was the soul of Scho-
lastica seen. *Rz.* In, &c.
Ÿ. The mind of her brother

*Scholásticæ, &c. *Ÿ.* Gló-
ria Patri, et Fílio, et Spi-
rítui Sancto. *Rz.* In, &c.

was gladdened. * Was, &c.
Ÿ. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. *Rz.* In, &c.

HYMNUS.

Te, beáta Sponsa Christi,

Te colúmba vírginum,
Síderum tollunt colóni

Laúdibus, Scholástica ;

Nostra te lætis salútant

Vócibus præcórdia.

Sceptra mundi cum corónis

Docta quondam spérnere,

Dogma fratris insecúta

Atque sanctæ Régulæ,

Ex odóre gratiárum

Astra nòsti quærere.

O potens virtus amóris !

O decus victóriæ !

Dum fluéntis lacrymárum

Cogis imbres cúrrere,

Ore Nursíni paréntis

Verba cœli súscepis.

HYMN.

Chaste Spouse of Christ, Scho-
lastica,

Purer than the gentle dove,
Thy praises sweet on Angels' lips

Are uttered in the choirs
above,

Whilst we on earth, with joy-
ful hearts,

Salute thee with our hymns
of love.

The crowns and sceptres of
this world,

No charms have they for
thee, or thine ;

A saintly brother's saintly
words

Around thy kindred heart
entwine ;

Their unction sweet withdraw-
ing thee

From earthly joys to joys
divine.

How great the potency of
love !

How sweet the joys of vic-
tory !

When, with thy tears, thou
drewest down

The showers of rain unceas-
ingly ;

And thus thy brother didst
detain,

Engaged in sacred colloquy.

Luce fulges expetitâ	High up in heaven's vaulted dome,
In polórum vértice,	With radiant light, thou shinest now,
Clara flammis charitâtis	Love's kindling flames encircle thee,
Cum nitóre grátiz:	And heavenly grace adorns thy brow ;
Juncta Sponso conquiêscis	Joined to the Lamb thou restest in
In decóre glóriæ.	The glories of thy nuptial vow.

Nunc benígna pelle nubes	With loving care disperse the clouds,
Córdibus fidélium,	That oft obscure our earthly gaze,
Ut serénâ fronte splendens	And may the Eternal Sun of light
Sol perénis lúminis,	In peace serene direct our ways,
Sempitérnæ claritâtis	And, to those joys that know no night,
Impleat nos gáudiis.	Our hearts and aspirations raise.

Glóriam Patri canámus,	Unto the Father, and the Son,
Unicóque Fílio :	Be ceaseless jubilee and praise,
Par tribútum proferámus	And to the Holy Paraclete,
Inclyto Paráclito,	An equal tribute let us raise ;
Nútibus cujus creántur	By whose sole nod all things are made,
Et regúntur sæcula.	And governed unto endless days.
Amen.	Amen.

Ÿ. Quæ est ista, quæ ut nubes volat ?

Rz. Et quasi columba ad fenéstras suas ?

Ant. Hódiè, ut *infra*.

CANT. Magnificat, &c., *fol.* 15.

Ÿ. Who is she that flieth like a cloud ?

Rz. And is as a dove at the openings of the dovecot ?

Ant. This day, as *below*.

CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., *p.* 15.

Ant. Hódie sacra Virgo Scholástica in spécie colúmbæ ad æthera tota festiva perréxit; hódie cœlestis vitæ gaudiis cum fratre suo merétur pérfrui in sempiternum.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Pater noster, &c.
Dóminus vobiscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus, qui ánimam beátæ Virginitæ tuæ Scholásticæ, ad ostendéndam innocentie suæ viam, in colúmbæ spécie cœlum penetráre fecísti; da nobis ejus méritis et préciis ita innocenté vivere; ut ad æterna mereámur gaudia pervenire. Per, &c.

Dóminus vobiscum.
Et cum spíritu tuo.
Ÿ. Benedicámus Dómino.
Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Fidélium ánimæ, per misericórdiam Dei, requiescant in pace.
Rz. Amen.

Ant. This day did the holy Virgin Scholastica ascend joyfully in the form of a dove to heaven; this day does she deservedly enjoy for ever, with her brother, the delights of the celestial life.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, who, to show the innocence of her life, didst cause the soul of Thy blessed Virgin Scholastica to ascend into heaven in the form of a dove; grant, by her merits and prayers, that we may live so innocently as to deserve to arrive at eternal joys. Through, &c.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.
Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Rz. Amen.

Little Office of all Saints

OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT

At Matins.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adiutorium
meum intende.

Rz. Domine ad adju-
vandum me festina.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut
erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper, et in sæcula
sæculorum. Amen. Alle-
luia.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline unto my aid,
O God.

Rz. O Lord, make haste to
help me.

Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.
Alleluia.

From Septuagesima till Easter instead of Alleluia is said,

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex
æternæ gloriæ.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord,
the King of eternal glory.

*The above is said at the beginning of every Hour, except
Compline.*

HYMNUS.

*Ad omnes Sanctos Ordinis
Ss. P. N.*

Avête mundi lúmina,

Olim reclusa cellis,

Sed nunc ut orbis númina

Fulgentióra stellis ;

HYMN.

*To all Saints of the Order of
our Holy Father.*

Hail, holy Saints ! whose bril-
liant light

Illumes this world from
heaven on high ;

Though hid on earth, than
stars more bright,

Your glory now adorns the
sky.

Papæ, Monárchæ, Prínci-
pes,

Et Præsulum tíaræ ;
Quos pulla vestis nóbiles

Sacræ dicávit aræ ;

Et quos erémus íncolas

Claustrúmque misit as-
tris,

Túisque fixit ássecclas,

Benedícite dive, castris.

Avéte magni cœlites

Nobis Deum rogáte ;

Spectáte fratres súpplíces
Nostrum statum júvate.

Ant. O quam gloriósum.

Cant. Benedictus, &c.,
fol. 2.

Ant. O quam gloriósum
est regnum, in quo cum
Christo, gaudent omnes
sancti ; amícti stolis albis
sequúntur Agnum quocúm-
que íerit.

Ÿ. Lætámini in Dómino
et exultáte justí.

Rz. Et gloriámini omnes
recti corde.

Orémus.

Concéde, quæsumus, om-
nípotens Deus, ut ad meli-
órem vitam sanctórum mo-

Ye Saints, whose brows un-
stained by pride,

The diadem and mitre wore !
Called from your cells the
Church to guide,

And, at His altars, God
adore ;—

And you, ye cloistered holy
train,

Meek followers of our Found-
er's ways !

Who, that ye heavenly bliss
might gain,

'Mid silent deserts spent
your days ;

Ye citizens of Heaven, all
hail !

For us, your brethren, God
implore,

That we may over hell prevail,
And reign with you for ever-
more.

Ant. O how glorious.

Cant. Blessed, &c., *p. 2.*

Ant. O how glorious is the
kingdom, in which all the
Saints rejoice with Christ ;
clothed in white robes, they
follow the Lamb whithersoever
He goeth.

Ÿ. Be glad in the Lord,
and rejoice, ye just.

Rz. And glory, all ye right
of heart.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O
Almighty God, that the ex-
amples of Thy holy Monks

nachórum exémpła nos pró-
vocat: quátenús quorum
memóriam (*vel* solémnia)
ágimus, étiam actus imité-
mur. Per, &c.

may animate us to a better
life; so that we may imitate
their actions, whose memory
(*or* solemnity) we celebrate.
Through, &c.

At Lauds.

Ÿ.✠ Deus in adiutórium
&c., *ut suprà.*

Ÿ.✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

*Ad summos Pontifices Ord.
Ss. P. N. B.*

Avéte summi príncipes,
Ecclésiæ sanctæ matris,
Qui simul terræ júdices
Et mónachi erátis.

Terréna cuncta gáudia
Feliciter fugístis,
Et sacra monastéria
Velóciter petístis

E cellá sed amábili
Vos Deus evocávit,
In loco admirábili
Ecclésiæ locávit.

HYMN.

*To the holy Popes of the Order
of St. Benedict.*

Hail, holy Pontiffs! called by
Heaven
To rule our Mother Church
below;—
To your meek hands the power
was given,
On earth, meet justice to
bestow.

With ardent mind and humble
thought,
From worldly joys and fame
ye fled;
Sweet solitude's abode ye
sought,
And there a life of meekness
led.

But summoned thence, at God's
high Will,
The Church's helm secure to
guide,
Your task with glory you ful-
fil,
And through all storms tri-
umphant ride.

Sed nunc in regno glóriæ

E sédibus spectáte,

Ut dona ferant pátriæ

Pro fratribus oráte.

Ant. Omnes isti.

Ps. cl. Laudate, &c.,
fol. 4.

Ant. Omnes isti in generationibus gentis suæ glóriam adepti sunt, et in diébus suis habéntur in laúdibus.

Ÿ. Fulgébunt justí, et tanquam scintillæ in arundineto discúrrunt.

Rz. Judicábunt nátiónes, et dominabúntur pópulis.

From your bright thrones in heaven above,

To us, your brethren, pity show ;

Pray that our hearts, consumed by love,

With gifts of grace may overflow.

Ant. All these.

Ps. cl. Praise ye, &c.,
p. 4.

Ant. All these have gained glory in their generations, and were praised in their days.

Ÿ. The just shall shine, and shall run abroad like sparks among the reeds.

Rz. They shall judge nátiónes, and shall rule over peoples.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Primr.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutórium,
&c., *ut suprà.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

Ad omnes Ordinum Patriarchas sub Regulâ S.P.N. militantium.

Avéte patres Ordinum

Sub régulâ locáti,

Inter trophæa síderum

Ad numen eleváti.

HYMN.

To all Patriarchs of Orders that fight under the Rule of our Holy Father.

Hail ! Founders of those Orders bright,

Which our great Father's Rule adorn ;

Shining like stars in realms of light,

You ushered in a glorious morn !

Camaldulensis glória,	Yes, thou through every nation praised,
Umbrósa, Clara vallis	Whose followers throng Um- brosa's halls ;
Cistércii tentória	Ye, whose seraphic labours raised
Tuúsque Petre callis ;	Citeaux and Clairvaux's lofty walls ;
Gualbérte cum cohórtibus	Blest Peter, Gualbert, William too,
Silvéster et sequáces ;	And Silvester, whose sons, in grove
Guliélme cum tot fórtibus	And valley, ardently pursue
Legis sacrae tenáces.	The paths of virtue, duty, love ;—
Avéte magni vértices	Hail chiefs ! your brows with glory crowned,
In glóriæ coronis,	In wreaths of dazzling splen- dour shine ;—
Et filios supérstites	Look down on us to earth still bound,
Cœli beáte donis.	And fill our souls with bliss divine.

Ant. Laudémus.

Ps. i. Beátus vir, &c.,

fol. 6.

Ant. Laudémus viros
gloriosos et paréntes nos-
tros in generatióne suâ.

Ÿ. Hæreditas sancta
nepótes eórum.

Rz. Et in testaméntis
stetit semen eórum.

Ant. Let us praise.

Ps. i. Blessed is, &c., *p. 6.*

Ant. Let us praise men of
renown, and our fathers in
their generation.

Ÿ. Their posterity are a
holy inheritance.

Rz. And their seed hath
stood in the covenants.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Tierce.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutórium,
&c., *ut suprà.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

*Ad omnes Sanctos Benedic-
tinos Martyres.*

Avéte cœli milites

In ásperis probáti,

Fuso cruóre nóbiles

Christique purpuráti,

Quos execránda právitas

Tot hæresum immolávit ;

Et cæcior gentilitas

Sævæ neci dicávit.

Vicístis, Io, mártýres !

Enses, cruces, caténas,

Furcas, focos, acínaces,

Irásque felle plenas.

Quam Proto-martyr máxi-
mus

Vobis viam notávit,

Hæc vestra virtus cœlitùs

Ad laúream volávit.

Ant. Hi sunt.

Ps. cxix. *Ad Dóminum,*
&c., fol. 8.

HYMN.

*To all holy Benedictine
Martyrs.*

Hail ! soldiers, glorious in the
fight,

Whose blood so many fields
has stained ;

'Mid perils tried you showed
your might,

And God's high honour e'er
maintained.

Foul Heresy, with ruthless
hate,

And Gentile's zeal, with
blinder rage,

Sought, by your death, to
sate

Their fury, and their fears
assuage.

The poisoned cup, devouring
flame,

To you no terror could im-
part ;

Chains, dungeons, swords, you
overcame

With manful and unyielding
heart.

Along that thorny, bloody
way

Which first the martyred
Placid trod ;

Your valiant souls their love
display,

And mount to Heaven to
meet their God.

Ant. These are they.

Ps. cxix. *In my trouble,*
&c., p. 8.

Ant. Hi sunt qui venérunt de tribulatióne magná, et lavérunt stolas suas, et dealbavérunt eas in sanguine Agni.

Ÿ. Tanquam aurum in fornace probávit illos.

Rz. Et quasi holocausti hóstiam accépit eos.

Ant. These are they who have come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Ÿ. As gold in the furnace He hath proved them.

Rz. And as a victim of a holocaust he hath received them.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Sext.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adiutorium, &c., *ut supra.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

*Ad SS. Apostolos Gentium
Ord. S. P. N.*

Avéte patres géntium,

Ardéntis astra zeli ;

Sal et medéla méntium,

Vicariíque cœli.

Noctem fugástis bárbaris

Veram fidem seréndo,

Purgástis hanc zizániis

Tot hæreses preméndo.

HYMN.

*To the Apostles of Nations of
the Order of our holy Father.*

Hail ! brilliant stars of Heaven,
whose zeal

The Faith to distant nations
bore :

Men's minds were forced your
power to feel,

And bless their God for ever-
more.

When nations slept in darkest
night,

True light to them from
Heaven ye brought ;

Secured the Faith against the
blight,

Which Heresy to scatter
sought.

Pars major orbis clámitat	Saved by you from Hell's baneful sway,
Orci dolis levátus :	Whole nations loud their joy proclaim ;
Septémtrio deprædicat	And northern climes their homage pay
Per vos Deo renátus.	To God, and bless your honoured name.
In árduis labóribus	No arduous toils your souls subdue ;
Ad sánguinem stetístis,	'Mid hunger, thirst, and pinching cold
Fame, siti, sudóribus	Your ceaseless labours you pursue,
Orbi jubar dedístis.	And to the world the truth unfold.
<i>Ant.</i> Ite ángeli.	<i>Ant.</i> Go, ye swift angels.
Ps. cxxii. Ad te, &c., <i>fol.</i> 10.	Ps. cxxii. To thee, &c., <i>p.</i> 10.
<i>Ant.</i> Ite ángeli velóces ad gentem convúlsam, et dilacerátam : ad pópulum, post quem non est álius.	<i>Ant.</i> Go, ye swift angels, to a nation rent and torn in pieces : to a people, after which there is no other.
Ÿ. In omnem terram exivit sonus eórum.	Ÿ. Their sound hath gone forth over all the earth.
Rz. Et in fines orbis terræ verba eórum.	Rz. And their words to the end of the world.

Prayer as at Matins.

At None.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., *ut suprà.*

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

HYMNUS.

HYMN.

*Ad sanctos Episcopos, Doc-
tores, et Abbates Ord. Ss.
P.N.B., Apostolorum fi-
lios.*

*To the children of the Apostles,
the holy Bishops, Doctors, and
Abbots of the Order of our
holy Father.*

Avéte sancti Epíscopi,

Hail! holy Saints, ye Shep-
herds true,

Doctóres ter beáti,	Thrice blesséd teachers of mankind ;
Contra lupos exérciti,	'Gainst ravenous wolves, the sheep in you
Ad arma sacra nati.	Rejoiced security to find.
Plebs Christiána dúlciter	Charmed by your words, Christ's tender flocks
Vestro pepéndit ore,	In your discourse salvation found ;
Christi fides felíciter	Victorious o'er hell's fiercest shocks,
Vestro stetit labóre.	The Faith through you maintained its ground.
Idóla fracta géntium	The Gentiles' gods, in dust cast down,
(Ut tártarus merétur) :	(O fate deserved !) your zeal attest :
Prostráta virtus dæmonum	The influence of hell, o'er- thrown,
Vestram manum fatétur.	Of your great power stands proof confessed.
Per áridam, per æquora	O'er pathless seas, and deserts vast,
Intérriti migrástis ;	You traversed with un- daunted heart ;
Stupent nepótum sæcula	Your glorious deeds, your la- bours past,
Hæc mira quæ patrástis.	To future ages awe impart.
<i>Ant.</i> Pro pátribus tuis.	<i>Ant.</i> Instead of.
<i>Ps.</i> cxxv. In conver- tendo, &c., fol. 12.	<i>Ps.</i> cxxv. When the Lord, &c., p. 12.
<i>Ant.</i> Pro pátribus tuis nati sunt tibi filii ; consti- tues eos príncipes super omnem terram ; mémoires erunt nóminis tui Dómine.	<i>Ant.</i> Instead of thy fathers, sons are born to thee ; thou shalt make them princes over all the earth ; they shall re- member thy name, O Lord.
Ÿ. Vox Dómini in vir- túte.	Ÿ. The voice of the Lord is in power.
Rz. Vox Dómini in ma- gnificéntiâ.	Rz. The voice of the Lord in magnificence.

Prayer as at Matins.

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At Verses.

**V. ✠ Deus in adjutó-
rium, &c., ut suprâ.**

Ant. Vos qui reliquistis.

**Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus,
&c., fol. 13.**

Ant. Vos qui reliquistis
omnia et secúti estis me,
céntuplum accipiétis, et vi-
tam ætérnam possidébítis.

V. Incline, &c., as before.

Ant. You who have left.

**Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c.,
p. 13.**

Ant. You who have left all
things, and have followed me,
shall receive a hundred-fold,
and possess life everlasting.

CAPITULUM. *Is. viii.*

Ecce ego, et púeri mei,
quos dedit mihi Dóminus,
in signum et in porténtum
Israel, a Dómino exercí-
tuum qui hábitat in monte
Sion.

Rz. Deo grátias.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Is. viii.*

Behold me, and my chil-
dren, whom the Lord hath
given me, for a sign and for a
wonder in Israel, from the
Lord of hosts, who dwelleth in
Mount Sion.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

HYMNUS.

*Ad sanctos Monachos et Ere-
mitas Ord. Ss. P.N.B.*

Avéte claustrí mílites,

Et rúpium inquilíni,

Et Angelórum súppares

In carne Seraphíni.

Vos in subácto córpore

Christi crucem tulístis ;

Miránte pugnas æthere,

Cum glóriâ stetístis.

HYMN.

*To the holy Monks and Hermits
of the Order of Saint Benedict.*

**Hail ! too, to ye, whose ardent
love**

**Filled deserts wild, with
sanctity ;**

**Who, though on earth, still
nobly strove**

To emulate Heaven's purity.

**Your passions, in subjection
held,**

**You daily laboured to sub-
due ;**

**And Heaven, approving,
pleased beheld**

**Its grace victorious e'er in
you.**

Fames, sitis, jejúnia,	And while your earthly warfare lasts,
Lapis, cruces, flagélla,	The Cross's precepts you fulfil ;
Vobis erant commúnia,	With cold, with hunger, stripes and fasts,
Incarceránte cellá.	You subjugate your flesh and will.
At mens Deo pleníssima	Yet, filled with thoughts of God on high,
Ut cervus æstuábat ;	Your souls still thirsted for His love,
Post spreta mundi gaúdia	And eager from earth's joys to fly,
Ad astra se levábat.	Sought for repose in Heaven above.

Ÿ. Gaudéte et exultáte.

Rz. Quóniam merces vestra copiósa est in cœlis.

Ant. Circuíerunt in melótis.

CANT. Magnificat, &c., fol. 15.

Ant. Circuíerunt in melótis, in péllibus caprínis, egéntes, angustiáti, afflicti ; quibus dignus non erat mundus : in solitudínibus errántes, in móntibus, in spelúncis, et in cavérnis terræ.

Ÿ. Rejoice and be glad.

Rz. For your reward is great in Heaven.

Ant. They wandered about.

CANT. My soul doth magnify, &c., p. 15.

Ant. They wandered about in sheep-skins, in goat-skins, being in want, distressed, afflicted ; of whom the world was not worthy : wandering in deserts, in mountains, and in dens, and in caves of the earth.

Prayer as at Matins.

At Compline.

Ÿ. Jube, Domne, benedicere.

Rz. Noctem quiétam et finem perféctum concédát nobis Dóminus Omnípotens. Rz. Amen.

Ÿ. Pray, Father, give us your blessing.

Rz. May the Almighty Lord grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. Rz. Amen.

LECTIO BREVIS.

Séquitur ex Regula Sanctissimi Patris nostri Benedicti.—Cap. vii.

Si summæ humilitatis volumus, fratres, culmen attingere, et ad exaltationem illam cœlestem, ad quam per præsentis vitæ humilitatem ascenditur, volumus velociter pervenire: actibus nostris ascendentibus scala illa erigenda est, quæ in somno Jacob apparuit, per quam ei descendentes et ascendentes angeli monstrabantur. Tu autem Domine, miserere nobis.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Converté nos Deus salutáris noster.

Rz. Et avérte iram tuam a nobis.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adjutorium, &c., *ut suprâ.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Ecce nunc, &c., *fol. 17.*

SHORT LESSON.

From the Rule of our most Holy Father Saint Benedict.—Ch. vii.

If we wish, brethren, to attain the summit of the highest humility, and speedily to arrive at that heavenly exaltation, to which we ascend by lowliness in this present life: we must, by our upward-tending actions, set up that ladder, which appeared to Jacob in his sleep, whereon he saw Angels ascending and descending. And do thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Ÿ. Convert us, O God of our salvation.

Rz. And turn away thy anger from us.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline, &c., *as before.*

Ps. cxxxiii. Behold now, &c., *p. 17.*

HYMNUS.

Ad Sanctas Sanctimoniales Ord. Ss. P.N.B.

Avéte, quæ Scholasticam

Estis ducem secútæ :

Et régulam monásticam

Pro méntium salúte.

HYMN.

To the holy Nuns of the Order of Saint Benedict.

Hail! to the choir of Virgins
pure,

Who, Saint Scholastica your
guide,

That heavenly bliss ye might
secure,

In cloistered peace chose to
abide.

Quæ prima Christi filia	Along that spotless path, which she
Matérque prævolávit,	To Christ's repose so nobly trod,
Hæc, O tenella filia!	Your feet, with joyful ecstasy,
Pes vestra ambulávit.	Pursue their way to meet your God.
Vicistis hostem lúbricum,	Old Satan's wiles, with daunt- less breast,
Turpisque carnis æstum;	The flesh's sting you over- came,
Florem tulistis cándidum	And carried to the nuptial feast
Ad nuptiále festum.	A virgin's spotless love and name.
Dum vita fluxit áspera	And whilst this life's distract- ing pains
Inter crucis labóres,	And ceaseless cares, your minds employ,
Cor volvit Agni cántica	Your hearts, in music's sweet- est strains,
Et cœlicos amóres.	Are tuned to heavenly love and joy.

CAPITULUM.

Prudentes vírgines aptáte
vestras lámpades; ecce,
sponsus venit, exíte óbviám
ei. R̃. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. Oleum effúsum, Jesu!
nomen tuum.

R̃. Ideo adolescéntulæ
dilexérunt te nimis.

LITTLE CHAPTER.

O prudent virgins, prepare
your lamps; behold, the bride-
groom cometh, go forth to
meet him. R̃. Thanks be to
God.

Ÿ. Thy name, O Jesus, is
as oil poured out.

R̃. Therefore have young
maidens greatly loved Thee.

Prayer as at Matins.

Ÿ. Dómine exaúdi ora-
tiónem meam.

R̃. Et clamor meus ad
te véniat.

Ÿ. Benedicámus Dómino.

R̃. Deo grátias.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R̃. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

R̃. Thanks be to God.

Intercéssio Sanctíssimi
 Patris nostri Benedicti,
 ómniumque sanctórum fili-
 órum ejus próteget nos ; et
 Præsídium Beátæ Mariæ
 Virgínis præservet nos ; et
 benedictio Dei Omnipó-
 téntis, ✠ Patris, et Fílii, et
 Spíritus Sancti descéndat
 super nos, et máneat sem-
 per. R̃. Amen.

May the intercession of our
 Holy Father Saint Benedict,
 and of all his holy children,
 defend us ; and the Protection
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 preserve us ; and may the
 Blessing of Almighty God, ✠
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 descend upon us, and remain
 with us for ever. R̃. Amen.

RECOMMENDATION OF OURSELVES TO ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

Eia beáti Cœlites!

Cives sacræ Siónis,

Audite nos supérstites

Ex síderum corónis.

O Blessed Saints ! from Hea-
 ven's bright sphere

Regard us exiles here be-
 low ;—

Pray that our Lórd our sighs
 will hear,

And Sion's bliss on us be-
 stow.

Pestem, famem dispéllito,

Et mártias procéllas,

Favénte detur Númine

Sacras tenére cellas :

Far from us drive war's dread
 alarms,

Plagues, pestilence, and hun-
 ger fell ;

Grant that, secure from sinful
 harms,

We in God's love may safely
 dwell.

Ut Patris ardens Spíritus

Et zelus innovétur,
 Et laus Dei pro víribus

Excréscat, ampliétur.

Amen.

Thus shall we strive our Foun-
 der's zeal,

And holy spirit to restore ;
 And, as our hearts God's love
 shall feel,

Our tongues shall praise Him
 more and more. Amen.

LITANY OF SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF
SAINT BENEDICT.

*Arranged as a devotion for a Novena, which may be begun on
the Eve of all Saints of the Order.*

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy on us.
<i>Christe eleison.</i>	<i>Christ have mercy on us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy on us.
<i>Kyrie eleison.</i>	<i>Lord have mercy on us.</i>
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
<i>Christe exaudi nos.</i>	<i>Christ graciously hear us.</i>
Pater de cœlis Deus. <i>Miserere nobis.</i>	God, the Father of heaven. <i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world.
Spiritus Sancte Deus.	God the Holy Ghost.
Sancta Trinitas unus Deus.	Holy Trinity one God.
Sancta Maria. <i>Ora pro nobis.</i>	Holy Mary. <i>Pray for us.</i>
Sancta Dei Génitrix.	Holy Mother of God.
Sancta Virgo Virginum.	Holy Virgin of Virgins.
Sancte Pater Benedicte.	Holy Father Saint Benedict.
S. B., gemma abbátum.	St. Benedict, gem of abbots.
S. B., patriárcha monachórum.	St. Benedict, patriarch of monks.
S. B., pater sanctorum innumerabilium.	St. Benedict, father of countless saints.

Then is said—

ON THE FIRST DAY.

Sancte Gregóri. <i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Gregory.
S. Bonifáci.	St. Boniface.
S. Agatho.	St. Agatho.
S. Záchari.	St. Zachary.
S. Gregóri (VII.)	St. Gregory (VII.)

Omnes sancti Pontífices Ordinis nostri, successóres Petri et Christi Vicárii, qui spíritu consilii et fortitudinis roboráti, Ecclesiám prudentíssimè gubernástis. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	All ye holy Pontiffs of our Order, successors of Saint Peter, and Vicars of Christ, who, strengthened with the spirit of counsel and fortitude, most prudently governed the Church.
S. Augustíne. <i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Augustine.
S. Bonifáci.	St. Boniface.
S. Suithérte.	St. Swithbert.
S. Willibrórde.	St. Willibrord.
S. Willibálde.	St. Willibald.
Omnes sancti natiónum Apóstoli Ordinis nostri, qui animárum zelo repléti, gentes et pópulos ad fidem Christi perduxístis. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	All ye holy Apostles of nations of our Order, who, filled with zeal for souls, led nations and peoples to the faith of Christ.
Omnes sancti, &c., fol. 189.	All ye holy, &c., p. 189.

ON THE SECOND DAY.

Sancte Plácide cum sóciis tuis. <i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Placid and thy companions.
S. Máxime.	St. Maximus.
S. Elphége.	St. Elphege.
S. Adalbéte.	St. Adalbert.
S. Thoma.	St. Thomas.
Sancti Ewáldi. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	Saints Ewald.
Sancti Gerárde et Maure. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	Saints Gerard and Maurus.
Omnes sancti Mártýres Ordinis nostri, qui flammá charitátis incénsi, sanguinem pro Christo effudístis. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	All ye holy Martyrs of our Order, who, on fire with the flame of charity, shed your blood for Christ.
Omnes sancti, &c., fol. 189.	All ye holy, &c., p. 189.

ON THE THIRD DAY.

Sancte Paulíne. <i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Paulinus.
S. Mellíte.	St. Mellitus.
S. Juste.	St. Justus.
S. Laurénti.	St. Laurence.

S. Ceádda.	St. Chad.
S. Cuthbérte.	St. Cuthbert.
S. Aldhélm.	St. Aldhelm.
S. Wilfríde.	St. Wilfrid.
S. Swithúne.	St. Swithin.
S. Odo.	St. Odo.
S. Dunstáne.	St. Dunstan.
S. Oswálde.	St. Oswald.
S. Wulstáne.	St. Wulstan.
S. Joáannes.	St. John.
Omnes sancti Episcopi Ordinis nostri, qui bonis opéribus ornáti, virtutum odóre mundum replevistis. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	All ye holy Bishops of our Order, who, adorned with good works, filled the world with the odour of virtues.
Omnes sancti, &c., <i>fol.</i> 189.	All ye holy, &c., <i>p.</i> 189.

ON THE FOURTH DAY.

Sancte Ildephónse. <i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Ildephonsus.
S. Leánder.	St. Leander.
S. Isidóre.	St. Isidore.
S. Ansélme.	St. Anselm.
S. Bernárde.	St. Bernard.
S. Beda.	St. Bede.
Omnes sancti Doctóres Ordinis nostri, qui spíritu sapiéntiæ et intelligéntiæ illumináti, profúnda Dei penetrástis. <i>Oráte, &c.</i>	All ye holy Doctors of our Order, who, enlightened with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, penetrated the deep things of God.
Omnes sancti, &c., <i>fol.</i> 189.	All ye holy, &c., <i>p.</i> 189.

ON THE FIFTH DAY.

Sancte Maure. <i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Maurus.
S. Benedicte (<i>Biscope</i>).	St. Bennet (<i>Biscope</i>).
S. Petre.	St. Peter.
S. Æmilíane.	St. Æmilian.
Omnes sancti Abbátes et Prælati Ordinis nostri, qui spíritu prudéntiæ præditi, fratres sanctíssimè rexístis. <i>Oráte.</i>	All ye holy Abbots and Prelates of our Order, who, endowed with the spirit of prudence, most holily governed your brethren.
Omnes sancti, &c., <i>fol.</i> 189.	All ye holy, &c., <i>p.</i> 189.

ON THE SIXTH DAY.

Sancte Romuálde. *Ora*, St. Romuald.
&c.

S. Joánnēs Gualbértē. St. John Gualbert.

S. Stéphane. St. Stephen.

S. Silvéster. St. Silvester.

S. Petre Cœlestíne. St. Peter Celestine.

S. Guliélme. St. William.

Omnes sancti Congregati-
ónum Fundatóres Ordinis
nostri, qui spírítu sanc-
tíssimi Patris nostri re-
pléti, novos fructus in
istâ olivâ Ecclésiæ fruc-
tíferâ germinástis. *Oráte*,
&c.

All ye holy Founders of Con-
gregations of our Order,
who, filled with the spirit of
our holy Father, caused new
fruits to bud forth in that
fruitful olive-tree of the
Church.

Omnes sancti, &c., *fol.* 189. All ye holy, &c., *p.* 189.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY.

Sancte Sigismúnde. *Ora*, St. Sigismund.
&c.

S. Sigisbértē. St. Sigisbert.

S. Sebba. St. Sebb.

Omnes sancti Imperatóres,
Reges, et Príncipes Or-
dinis nostri, qui volun-
tates próprias deseréntes,
in viâ obediéntiæ ambu-
lástis. *Oráte*, &c.

All ye holy Emperors, Kings,
and Princes of our Order,
who, laying down your own
wills, walked in the way of
obedience.

Sancte Gúthlace. *Ora*, &c. St. Guthlac.

S. Neótte. St. Neot.

S. Grimbálde. St. Grimbald.

Omnes sancti Mónachi et
Eremítæ Ordinis nostri,
qui cuncta terréna de-
spiciéntes, Régulæ jugo
colla submisístis. *Oráte*,
&c.

All ye holy Monks and Her-
mits of our Order, who,
despising all earthly things,
submitted your necks to the
yoke of the holy Rule.

Omnes sancti, &c., *fol.* 189. All ye holy, &c., *p.* 189.

ON THE EIGHTH DAY.

Sancta Scholástica.	<i>Ora,</i>	St. Scholastica.
&c.		
S. Florentína.		St. Florentina.
S. Ethelbúrga.		St. Ethelburge.
S. Hilda.		St. Hilda.
S. Walbúrga.		St. Walburga.
S. Editha.		St. Editha.
S. Hildegárdis.		St. Hildegarde.
S. Mechtíldis.		St. Mechtilde.
S. Gertrúdis.		St. Gertrude.
S. Ebba cum sodálibus tuis.		St. Ebba and thy companions.
Omnes sanctæ Virgines Ordinis nostri, quæ lílium castitátis ab infántiâ intactum servántes, Sponsum crucifixum toto corde dilexistis.	<i>Oráte,</i>	All ye holy Virgins of our Order, who, preserving the lily of chastity unspotted from your infancy, loved with all your heart your crucified Spouse.
&c.		
Omnes sancti, &c., <i>ut infra.</i>		All ye holy, &c., <i>as below.</i>

ON THE NINTH DAY.

Sancta Richárda.	<i>Ora, &c.</i>	St. Richarda.
S. Cunegúndis.		St. Cunegunde.
S. Etheldréda.		St. Etheldreda.
S. Bathílda.		St. Bathilda.
S. Francisca.		St. Frances.
Omnes sanctæ Imperatrices, Reginæ, et Príncipes Ordinis nostri, quæ mundánas vanitátes fugiéntes, obediéntiæ et humilitátis viam quæsiuistis.		All ye holy Empreses, Queens, and Princesses of our Order, who, fleeing from all worldly vanities, sought the path of obedience and humility.
<i>Oráte, &c.</i>		

The following is said on all the days:—

Omnes sancti Mónachi et Moniales Ordinis nostri, filii sanctíssimi Patris nostri Benedicti.	<i>Oráte,</i>	All ye holy Monks and Nuns of our Order, children of our holy Father Saint Benedict.
&c.		<i>Pray, &c.</i>

Propítius esto. <i>Parce nobis Dómine.</i>	Be merciful unto us. <i>Spare us, O Lord.</i>
Propítius esto. <i>Exaúdi nos Dómine.</i>	Be merciful unto us. <i>Graciously hear us, O Lord.</i>
A tentatiónibus et insídiis diaboli. <i>Libera nos Dómine.</i>	From the temptations and snares of the devil. <i>Deliver us, O Lord.</i>
A concupiscéntiâ carnis.	From the concupiscence of the flesh.
A concupiscéntiâ oculórum.	From the concupiscence of the eyes.
A supérbiâ vitæ.	From the pride of life.
A cæcitate cordis.	From blindness of heart.
Ab omni invidiâ et ódio.	From all envy and hatred.
Ab omni acédiâ et inordinatâ tristitiâ.	From all sloth and inordinate sadness.
Ab irâ et omni malâ voluntate.	From anger and all ill-will.
Ab omni impatiéntiâ et pusillanimitate.	From all impatience and faint-heartedness.
A transgressióne votórum nostrórum.	From the transgression of our vows.
Ab omni peccândi occasióne.	From all occasions of sin.
A subitaneâ et improvisâ morte.	From a sudden and unprovided death.
A maledictióne perpetuâ.	From the everlasting curse.
Per ætérnam ex Patre generatióem tuam.	By Thy eternal generation from the Father.
Per temporálem ex matre nativitátem tuam.	By Thy nativity in time from Thy holy Mother.
Per sanctíssimam vitam et conversatióem tuam.	By Thy most holy life and conversation.
Per acerbíssimam passióem et mortem tuam.	By Thy most bitter passion and death.
Per gloriósam resurrectiόem et ascensiόem tuam.	By Thy glorious resurrection and ascension.
Per advéntum tuum ad iudiciū.	By Thy coming to judgment.
Per mérita et intercessiόes sanctórum tuórum.	By the merits and intercession of Thy saints.
Peccatóres, <i>te rogámus audi nos.</i>	We sinners, (<i>We beseech Thee to hear us.</i>)

- Ut ante ómnia quæramus
regnum Dei et justitiam
ejus.
- Ut discamus a te, quia
mitis es et húmilis corde.
- Ut abnegemus nosmetipsos,
et tollentes crucem nos-
tram te sequámur.
- Ut jugum tuum suáve, et
onus leve libénter et
cúpidè suscipiámus.
- Ut solíciti simus serváre
unitátē spíritus in vín-
culo pacis.
- Ut spíritu ambulátes de-
sidéria carnis non perfici-
ámus.
- Ut paupertátē spíritus in
nobis excitáre et fovére
dignéris.
- Ut nobis compunctiónē
cordis et fontem lachry-
marum donáre dignéris.
- Ut perfectam mortificati-
onem sénsuum, et própriæ
voluntátis nostræ nobis
donáre dignéris.
- Ut Abbátes, et Prælátos
nostros, et omnes con-
gregatiónes illis com-
missas, in tuo sancto ser-
vitio conserváre dignéris.
- Ut animábus fratrum et
benefactorum nostrórum
réquiem ætérnam donáre
dignéris.
- Ut nos in finem usque in
fide, spe et charitatē per-
severáre concédas.
- Ut nos exaudíre dignéris.
Fili Dei.
- Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
- That, before all things, we
may seek the kingdom of
God and His justice.
- That we may learn of Thee, to
be meek and humble of
heart.
- That we may deny ourselves,
and take up our cross and
follow Thee.
- That we may willingly, and
eagerly, take upon us Thy
sweet yoke, and Thy light
burden.
- That we may be careful to
preserve the unity of the
spirit, in the bond of peace.
- That, walking in the spirit,
we may not accomplish the
desires of the flesh.
- That Thou vouchsafe to raise
up, and to cherish, in us the
spirit of poverty.
- That Thou vouchsafe to give
us compunction of heart, and
the gift of tears.
- That Thou vouchsafe to grant
us the perfect mortification
of our senses and of our own
will.
- That Thou vouchsafe to pre-
serve in thy holy service,
our Abbots and Superiors,
and all the communities in-
trusted to them.
- That Thou vouchsafe to grant
eternal rest to the souls of
our brethren and benefac-
tors.
- That Thou grant us to perse-
vere to the end in faith,
hope, and charity.
- That Thou vouchsafe to hear us.
Son of God.
- Lamb of God, who takest away

cáta mundi. *Parce nobis
Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Exaúdi
nos Dómine.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-
cáta mundi. *Miserére
nobis.*

Ÿ. Lætámini in Dómino,
et exultáte justi.

Rz. Et gloriámini omnes
recti corde.

the sins of the world. *Spare
us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Gra-
ciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away
the sins of the world. *Have
mercy on us.*

Ÿ. Be glad in the Lord and
rejoice, ye just.

Rz. And glory all ye right
of heart.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Quæsumus Omnípotens
Deus, ut beatíssimi Patris
nostri Benedícti, disci-
pulorúmque ejus Plácidi
et Mauri, virginisque ac
soróris ejus Scholásticæ,
sanctorúmque ómnium mo-
nachórum et moníalium,
qui sub ejus signis, atque
eo duce tibi militavérunt,
méritis et exémpis, rénoves
in nobis Spíritum Sanctum
tuum : quo aspiránte, con-
tra carnem, mundum, et
diábolum viríliter decerté-
mus. Et quia sine labóre
certáminis non est palma
victóriæ, da nobis in ad-
vérsis patiéntiam, in tenta-
tióne constántiam, in per-
féculis consílium ; da nobis
castimóniæ puritátem, pau-
pertátis desidérium, obedi-
éntiæ fructum, observántiæ
fidéle propósitum : quáte-
nús tuá consolatióné robo-
ráti, ac fraterná devínti
charitáte, serviámus hú-
mero uno : sicque transeá-

We beseech thee, O Al-
mighty God, through the
merits and examples of our
most holy Father Saint Bene-
dict, of his disciples Saints
Placid and Maurus, of his
virgin sister Saint Scholastica,
and of all the holy monks and
nuns who have served Thee
under his standard and
guidance, to renew in us Thy
Holy Spirit ; that, by His in-
spiration, we may strenuously
fight against the world, the
flesh, and the devil. And
since there is no palm of vic-
tory without the labour of a
contest, grant us patience in
adversity, constancy in temp-
tation, and counsel in dangers ;
give us the purity of chastity,
the desire of poverty, the fruit
of obedience, and a faithful
observance of regular dis-
cipline : that, strengthened by
Thy consolation, and bound
together by fraternal charity,
we may serve Thee with united
efforts ; and may so pass

mus per hæc temporália, ut ad ætérnam pátriam, quandóque victóres, et coronáti, sanctorúmque monachórum cœtibus inseréndi, perveníre mereámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: qui tecum vivit, et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

through these temporal things, as to deserve at length,—victorious and crowned, and worthy to be associated with the choirs of holy monks,—to arrive at our eternal country. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER TO SAINT SCHOLASTICA, AND ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.*

O Virgin Spouse of Christ, holy Saint Scholastica ! I crave thy motherly benediction, especially begging thee, out of thy tender love, to bless me with thy innocence of life, regular observance, recollection, and silence ; with thy spiritual discourse, burning love of God, and thirsting after heavenly joys, and this for the love and honour of the Queen of Virgins, and of her Blessed Son Jesus. Amen.

O glorious Saints of our Holy Order, give me also, I beseech you, your benediction ; and, for the glory of God, supply for my innumerable defects by the superabundant treasure of all your powerful and holy merits ; that, now and at the hour of my death, I may effectually obtain, by your intercession, the blessing of God and of His all-immaculate Mother ;—the blessing of our holy Father and his virgin sister ;—the blessing of each one of you, and of my other Patron Saints ;—the blessing of my good Angel ;—the blessing of all the Saints in heaven, and of the just on earth : that, in the fountain of charity, I may be cleansed from all iniquities, confirmed in sanctity, and admitted to glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* From a MS. in the Convent of our B. Lady of Consolation, Stanbrook.

HYMNS IN HONOUR OF ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

I.

FROM "HYMNI SACRI ET NOVI" OF V. SANTEUIL,
CAN. REG.

Quæ signâta novo sémîta lúmine Cœlo se réserat, dícite cœ- lites ? Hanc fulgens rádiis ingrédit- ur viam Sacri cónditor Ordinis.	Say, spirits blest, what path is that which shines, With mystic splendour, in the Eastern sky ? By it, the Founder of a saintly race Ascends triumphantly.
Illum ponè sequens, innu- merábilis Sese turma premit, férvida prævium Aut æquáre patrem, vel própiùs sequi Ardet pássibus æmulis.	But not alone ; behind him press along His countless children, burn- ing with desire To equal, or, at least, to emu- late The glory of their sire.
Adsunt progéniti sángine régio, Adsunt tergémîno qui dia- démate Fulgent Pontífices, sunt quoque Mártyres, Tanti progénies Patris.	Princes, and Potentates of royal blood, Pontiffs endowed with triple sovereignty, And Martyrs, too, the Patri- arch can count Among his progeny.
Fratrum juncta manus, sancta Sodálitas, Vestris ut sócios agmínibus velit,	Father, and Brethren ! ye whose toils are o'er, Pray God for us who still are in the strife ;

Placári facilis, júngere nos	That He would deign to join
Deus	us to your ranks,
Nostras ferte Deo	In the eternal life.
preces.	

Qui lucis Pater est, glória	Praise to the Father of eternal
sit Patri ;	Light !
Qui lux ipsa Patris, glória	Praise to the Light itself,
Filio ;	His only Son !
Ambórumque Tibi, nexus	Praise to the Spirit, the eter-
amábilis,	nal bond
Sit par glória, Spíritus.	Which joins them, Three in
Amen.	One. Amen.
	(P. A. O'N.)

II.

THE HYMN AT MATINS IN THE OFFICE FOR ALL SAINTS OF
THE HOLY ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT, IN "OFFICIA PROPRIA
CONGREGATIONIS GALLICÆ, O.S.B."

Jesu, coróna cœlitum,	O Jesus ! crown of blessed souls,
María, cœli gáudium,	O Mary ! joy of realms on high,
Deo fruéntes ángeli,	Ye angels, filled with bliss divine,
Audíte vota súpplicum.	O ! listen to our suppliant cry.
Vos, Patriarchárum chori,	Ye venerable Patriarchs,
Vatúmque turmæ nóbiles,	Ye noble Prophets of the Lord,
Vos príncipes Apóstoli,	Ye Princes twelve of Holy Church,
Vos purpuráti Mártýres.	And ye, who feared not rack nor sword.
Vos juncta confessóribus	Ye lovely choirs of virgin saints,
Amœna castra víginum,	Ye confessors, and hermit bands,
Anachoritárum greges,	On our rejoicings kindly smile,
Nostris favéte plaúsibus.	And bless us with your blessed hands.

Vestris enim concivibus,	For in these solemn rites we sing,
Nostram proféssis régulam,	The sharers in your bright re- ward,
Hæc jubilantes Ordinis	Who, under our most holy Rule,
Dicâta sunt solémnia.	Fulfilled the counsels of the Lord.

His inclytis paréntibus	With filial love we now rejoice,
Congratulamur filii,	With this our glorious an- cestry ;
Illústri quos consórtium	May we your happy portion share,
Vestri beat collégii.	Both now, and for eternity.

Sit laus Patri, cum Filio,	Praise to the Father, and the Son ;
Et utriúsque Flámini,	And to their Spirit, equal praise !
Quos vestra felix civitas	Whom ye, blest spirits ! cele- brate
Hymno célebrat pérpeti.	With jubilee, and endless lays.
Amen.	Amen.
	(P. A. O'N.)

III.

FROM THE SAME.—THE HYMN AT LAUDS.

Salvété, cedri Líbani,	Hail, cedars of Mount Libanus,
Plantæ viréntes Ordinis,	Our Order's pride ! whose blos- somed heads,
Quæ prata nunc cœléstia	Towering above the starry sky,
Implétis almo gérmine.	Shed perfumes o'er the hea- venly meads.
Vos Trinitátis glória	Your sunshine is the eternal light,
Æténa circumpléctitur :	The glory of the Trinity ;

Vos aura Matris Vírginis	Your zephyrs, the benignant smile
Mulcet piis favóniis.	Of Mary's sweet maternity.
Vos angelórum cúriæ	Angelic legions fence you round
Cingunt choréa pé-petím,	With ceaseless love ; and, 'neath your shade,
Et irrigant puríssimi	The waters of eternal life
Æternitátis rívuli.	Flow freshly through each verdant glade !
O ínclytæ propágines,	Cedars of God, our parent stock !
Vestros juváte filios :	Help us who languish here below ;
In valle mœstâ débiles	Impart to us your giant strength,
Nos roboráte súrculos.	That we, like you, to Heaven may grow.
Sit laus Patri, cum Fílio,	Let God the Father, and the Son,
Simúlque dulci Flámini :	And Paraclete be ever hymned ;
Læti quibúscum vívitis	With whom you dwell, replete with bliss,
In sempitérno lúmine.	In splendour never to be dinned.
Amen.	Amen.
	(P. A. O'N.)

IV.

HYMN FOR FIRST VESPERS OF THE COMMON OF MONKS, IN
 "BREVARIUM MONASTICUM CLUNIACENSE."

Felices némorum pángimus	Sing we of those, whom in the
íncolas,	forest wild
Certo consílio quos Deus	God hid from human eye ;
ábdidit,	
Ne contágio sæcli	There by the world's contagion
	undefiled
Mores læderet íntegros.	With Him to live and die.

Ut te possideant, quem sít- tunt, Deum, Urbes, regna, suos, se quoque déserunt ; Totus víluit orbis, Dum coeléstia cógitant.	Their home, their native land, their all they left ; Name, wealth, imperial throne, Alike to them were worthless ; self-bereft ! And wrapt in Heaven alone !
Nudi, prompti, álacres, lí- beri ab ómnibus, Ad luctam púgiles ócyùs ádvólant ; Infídum ut mare tranent, Prudéntes onus éxuunt.	Armed for the battle, swift, unfettered, free, They flew to meet the foe ; And wisely, bound to stem a treacherous sea, Aside their burdens threw.
Ætéernas ut opes cértaque gaúdía Secúri rápíant, ómnia lú- dicra Sano pectore temnunt, Confísi melióribus.	(They little cared for worldly smiles and mirth, But made a wiser choice ; Scorning the fleeting gaiety of earth For endless wealth and joys.)
Illis summa fuit glória déspici ; Illis divítiae paupériem pati ! Illis summa volúptas Longo supplicio mori.	Their highest glory was—to be despised ! To suffer want—their gain ! The happiness which they su- preinely prized— To die by lengthened pain !
Fac nos, summe Deus, quæ pátimur mala In poenam scélerum ferre libéntius : Et tellúre relictá Immortália quærere.	Help us, great God, to bear with patience meek The chastenings of Thy love ; Help us, forsaking earthly things, to seek Thy promised joys above.
Ætérnus sit honos ingénito Patri, Sit par unígenæ glória Fílio ;	(All praise to Thee, unborn Paternity ! And to Thy Only Son ;

Sacri nexus amóris,	And to the Paraclete, the lov-
	ing tie
Laus compar tibi Spí-	That binds you, Three in
ritus. Amen.	One.) Amen.
	(E. C.)

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF THE HOLY ORDER OF SAINT BENEDICT.

NOVEMBER XIII.

Double of the First Class with an Octave.

*In the First Vespers (said November 12) all as in the Second
Vespers, p. 202, except,*

1us Ps. Dixit Dóminus,
&c., fol. 13.

2us Ps. Confitébor, &c.,
fol. 120.

3us Ps. Beátus vir, &c.,
fol. 121.

4us Ps. Laudáte púeri,
&c., fol. 122.

Ÿ. Lætámini in Dó-
mino, et exultáte justi.

Rz. Et gloriámini omnes
recti corde.

Ant. ad Magnificat. Ex-
últet ómnium turba fidé-
lium, pro glóriá almi Patris
Benedícti, et eórum ómnium
qui ejus vestigia sunt se-
cúti : læténtur præcipuè ca-
térvæ monachórum, cele-
brántes eórum festa in
terris, de quorum societáte
sancti congaudent in cœlis.

1st Ps. The Lord said, &c.,
p. 13.

2nd Ps. I will praise, &c.,
p. 120.

3rd Ps. Blessed is the man,
&c., p. 121.

4th Ps. Praise the Lord,
&c., p. 122.

Ÿ. Be glad in the Lord,
and rejoice ye just.

Rz. And glory all ye right
of heart.

Ant. at Magnificat. Let the
crowd of all the faithful exult
at the glory of our benign Fa-
ther Benedict, and of all those
who have followed his foot-
steps ; especially let the troops
of monks be glad, now cele-
brating on earth the feast of
those in whose society the
saints rejoice in heaven.

At Mass.

INTROITUS. Gaudeámus omnes in Dómino, diem festum celebrántes sub honóre sanctórum Monachórum: de quorum solemnitate gaudent ángeli, et collaudánt Fílium Dei. Ps. xxxii. Exultáte justi in Dómino: rectos decet collaudátio. *Ÿ.* Glória, &c.

ORATIO. Concéde, quæsumus, Omnípotens Deus; ut ad meliorem vitam sanctórum Monachórum exemplá nos próvocent: quátenus quorum solémnia ágimus, étiam actus imitémur. Per, &c.

LECTIO EPISTOLÆ BEATI PAULI APOSTOLI AD CORINTHIOS. ii. 6.

Fratres, Exhibeámus nosmetípsos, sicut Dei ministros, in multâ patientiâ, in tribulatió nibus, in necessitatibus, in angústiis, in plagis, in carcéribus, in seditió nibus, in labóribus, in vigiliis, in jejúniis, in castitate, in sciétiâ, in longanimitate, in suavitate, in Spíritu Sancto, in caritate non fictâ, in verbo veritátis, in virtúte Dei; per arma justitiæ a dextris et a sinístris; per glóriam et ignobilitatem, per infámiam et bonam famam: ut seductóres et

INTROIT. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival in honour of the holy Monks, at whose solemnity the angels rejoice, and praise the Son of God. Ps. xxxii. Rejoice in the Lord, ye just: praise becometh the upright. *Ÿ.* Glory, &c.

COLLECT. Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that the examples of Thy holy Monks may animate us to a better life: so that we may imitate their actions, whose solemnity we celebrate. Through, &c.

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL, THE APOSTLE, TO THE CORINTHIANS. ii. 6.

Brethren, Let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left; by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true, as

veráces, sicut qui ignóti et cóniti : quasi moriéntes, et ecce vivimus : ut castigáti, et non mortificáti : quasi tristes, semper autem gaudéntes : sicut egéntes, multos autem locupletántes : tamquam nihil habéntes, et ómnia possidéntes.

GRADUALE. Timéte Dóminum omnes sancti ejus : quóniam nihil deest timéntibuseum. *Ÿ.* Inquiréntes autem Dóminum non deficiunt omni bono. Allelúia, allelúia. *Ÿ.* Veníte ad me omnes qui laborátis et oneráti estis, et ego reficiam vos. Allelúia.

unknown, and yet known : as dying, and behold we live : as chastised, and not killed : as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing : as needy, yet enriching many : as having nothing, and possessing all things.

GRADUAL. Fear the Lord, all ye his saints : for there is no want to them that fear him. *Ÿ.* But they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good. Alleluia, alleluia. *Ÿ.* Come to me all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL, as on the Feast of our Holy Father Saint Benedict—
p. 118.

OFFERTORIUM. Justórum animæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis : visi sunt óculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace. Allelúia.

OFFERTORY. The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them : in the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace. Alleluia.

SECRETA. Hóstias tibi, Dómine, sanctórum Monachórum tuórum dicátas méritis benignus assúme : et ad perpétuum nobis tríbue proveníre subsidium. Per, &c.

SECRET. Graciously accept, O Lord, the sacrifice devoted to thee, through the merits of thy holy Monks : and grant that it may become a perpetual support to us. Through, &c.

COMMUNIO. Beáti mundo corde, quóniam ipsi Deum vidébunt : beáti pacífici,

COMMUNIO. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God : blessed are the peace-

quóniam filii Dei vocabúntur: beáti qui persecutió-
nem patiúntur propter ius-
títiam, quóniam ipsórum
est regnum cœlórum.

makers, for they shall be called
the children of God: blessed
are they that suffer persecu-
tion for justice sake, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.

POSTCOMMUNIO. Quæsu-
mus, Dómine, salutáribus
repléti mystériis, ut sanctó-
rum tuórum Monachórum,
quórum solémnia celebrá-
mus, oratióibus adjuvémur.
Per, &c.

POSTCOMMUNION. Replen-
ished with thy holy mysteries,
we beseech thee, O Lord: that
we may be helped by the
prayers of thy holy Monks,
whose solemnity we celebrate.
Through, &c.

Second Vespers.

Pater noster, &c. Ave
María, &c.

Ÿ. ✠ Deus in adiutórium
meum inténde.

Rz. Dómine ad adju-
vándum me festína. Glória,
&c.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary,
&c.

Ÿ. ✠ Incline unto my aid,
O God.

Rz. O Lord, make haste to
help me. Glory, &c.

Ant. Fulgébunt iusti, ut
infra.

Ps. cix. Dixit Dóminus,
&c., fol. 13.

Ant. Fulgébunt iusti si-
cut sol, in regno Patris eó-
rum, dicit Dóminus.

Ant. The just shall shine,
as below.

Ps. cix. The Lord said, &c.,
p. 13.

Ant. The just shall shine as
the sun, in the kingdom of their
Father, saith the Lord.

Ant. Beáti éritis, ut
infra.

Ps. cxi. Beátus vir, &c.,
fol. 121.

Ant. Beáti éritis cum
vos óderint hómines, et
cum separáverint vos, et
exprobráverint, et ejécerint
nomen vestrum tamquam

Ant. Blessed shall ye be, as
below.

Ps. cxi. Blessed is the man,
&c., p. 121.

Ant. Blessed shall ye be
when men shall hate you, and
shall separate you, and reproach
you, and cast out your name as
evil, for the Son of Man's sake:

malum propter Filium hó-
minis : gaudéte et exultáte,
ecce enim merces vestra
multa est in cœlis.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis,
ut infrà.

Ps. cxii. Laudáte púeri,
&c., fol. 122.

Ant. Gaudent in cœlis
ánimæ sanctórum, qui
Christi vestígia sunt se-
cúti : et quia pro ejus
amóre sæculum spreverunt,
ideo cum Christo exúltant
sine fine.

Ant. O quam gloriósum
est, *ut infrà.*

Ps. cxv.

Crédidi, propter quod lo-
cútus sum : * ego autem
humiliátus sum nimis.

Ego dixi in excéssu meo :
* omnis homo mendax.

Quid retribuam Dómino :
* pro ómnibus quæ retribuit
mibi ?

Cálicem salutáris acci-
píam : * et nomen Dómini
invocabo.

Vota mea Dómino red-
dam coràm omni pópulo
ejus : * pretiósá in conspéctu
Dómini mors sanctórum
ejus.

O Dómine quia ego ser-
vus tuus : * ego servus tuus,
et filius ancillæ tuæ.

Dirupísti víncula mea : *
tibi sacrificábo hóstiam lau-

rejoice and be glad, for behold
your reward is great in heaven.

Ant. The souls of the just,
as below.

Ps. cxii. Praise the Lord,
&c., p. 122.

Ant. The souls of the just,
who have followed the footsteps
of Christ, rejoice in heaven :
and because, through love of
Him, they have despised the
world, therefore they exult with
Christ for ever.

Ant. O how glorious, *as
below.*

Ps. cxv.

I have believed, therefore
have I spoken : * but I have
been humbled exceedingly.

I said in my excess : * every
man is a liar.

What shall I render to the
Lord : * for all the things that
he hath rendered to me ?

I will take the chalice of sal-
vation : * and I will call upon
the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the
Lord before all his people : *
precious in the sight of the
Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, for I am thy ser-
vant : * I am thy servant, and
the son of thy handmaid.

Thou hast broken my bonds :
* I will sacrifice to thee the

dis, et nomen Dómini invocábo.

Votamea Dóminoreddam in conspéctu omnis pópuli ejus : * in átriis domús Dómini, in médio tui Jerúsalem.

Glória, &c.

Ant. O quam gloriósum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti : amicti stolis albis sequúntur Agnum quocúmque ferit.

CAPITULUM. *Is. viii.*

Ecce ego et púeri mei, quos dedit mihi Dóminus, in signum, et in pórtentum Israel ; a Dómino exercituum, qui hábitat in monte Sion.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Rz. Exúltent justí,* in conspéctu Dei. *Rz.* Exúltent, &c. *Y.* Et delecténtur in lætitiá. * In conspéctu Dei. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto. *Rz.* Exúltent, &c.

HYMNUS.

Avéte solitúdinis,
Claustrique mites incolæ,
Qui pertulístis ímpios
Cœtus furéntis tártari.

Gemmas et auri póndera,
Et dignitátum cúlmina

Calcástis, et fœdíssima
Quæ mundus offert gaúdia.

sacrifice of praise, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the sight of all his people ; * in the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.

Glory, &c.

Ant. O how glorious is the kingdom where all the Saints rejoice with Christ : clothed in white garments, they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

LITTLE CHAPTER. *Is. viii.*

Behold me and my children, whom the Lord hath given me, for a sign and for a wonder in Israel ; from the Lord of Hosts, who dwelleth in Mount Sion.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

Rz. Let the just exult,* in the sight of God. *Rz.* Let, &c. *Y.* And rejoice in gladness.* In the sight of God. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *Rz.* Let, &c.

HYMN.

Gentle Hermits of the waste !
Tenants of the mossy cell !
Hail to you, who nobly faced
All the raging hosts of Hell !

Yours it was to tread in dust
Golden heaps and jewelled
toys,
Vain ambition's empty trust,
All the world's defiling joys.

Vobis olus cibária
Fuere, vel legúmina ;
Potúmque lympha præbuit,
Humúsque dura léctulum.

Scanty herb and running brook
All your simple fare supplied ;
All your rest the chilly rock,
Hollowed in the mountain side.

Vixístis inter áspides,
Sævisque cum draconibus,
Porténta nec tetérriba
Vos terruere dæmonum.

Asp and adder gliding by,
Howling fiends of angry night,
Gloomy portents of the sky,
Smit your soul with no affright.

Rebus procul mortálibus,

Where the golden mansions
glow,

Mens avolábat férida,
Divúmque juncta cœtui,
Hærébat inter sídera.

Thither had she sped her way ;
From the vale of night below
Mounting to immortal day.

Summo Parénti cœlitum,

Praise to Thee, O Trine and
One !

Magnæque Proli Vírginis,
Sancto simul Paráclito,
Sit summa laus et glória.
Amen.

Father, high enthroned above ;
Virgin-born, eternal Son !
Spirit of eternal love !
Amen.

Ÿ. Exultábunt sancti
in glóriâ.

Ÿ. The Saints shall exult
in glory.

Rz. Lætábúntur in cu-
bilibus suis.

Rz. And shall be joyful in
their beds.

Ant. In regeneratióne,
ut infrâ.

Ant. When in the regenera-
tion, *as below*.

CANT. Magníficat, &c.,
fol. 15.

CANT. My soul doth mag-
nify, &c., *p. 15*.

Ant. In regeneratióne
cum séderit Fílius hóminis
in sede Majestátis suæ,
sedébitis et vos super sedes
duódecim, judicántes duó-
decim tribus Israel.

Ant. When in the regenera-
tion the Son of man shall sit
on the seat of His Majesty,
you also shall sit on twelve
seats, judging the twelve tribes
of Israel.

Kyrie eleison. Christe
eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

Pater noster, &c.
Dóminus vobíscum.
Et cum spirítu tuo.

Our Father, &c.
The Lord be with ycu.
And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Concéde, &c., *ut suprà*,
*fol. 200.*Grant, &c., *as above*, p. 200.

Dóminus vobiscum.

The Lord be with you.

Et cum spíritu tuo.

And with thy spirit.

Ÿ. Benedicámus Dó-
mino.

Ÿ. Let us bless the Lord.

Rz. Deo grátias.

Rz. Thanks be to God.

The next day being "All Souls of the Holy Order of Saint Benedict," the Vespers for the Dead, with the Prayer Deus veniæ, are said.

Union of Prayers and Good Works,

TO OBTAIN THE REVIVAL OF THE SPIRIT OF
OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.*

OBJECT OF THE UNION.

WHEREAS, in these times, religious Orders are publicly and privately persecuted by the enemies of the Church, so that many religious communities have been totally destroyed, and others seem threatened with immediate ruin ; some monks of the Order of our holy Father Saint Benedict, in Italy, France, England, Switzerland, Bavaria, Hungary, and other parts of the Austrian empire, and in other countries, have resolved to form a pious Union to implore the Divine assistance ;—that God would preserve, and fill with a new spirit, the communities consecrated to Him, and not deliver them into the hands of their enemies ;—that He, who formerly raised up His Holy Spirit in our fathers, would revive the same in their children ;—that He would everywhere cherish, preserve, and increase holy monastic discipline ; and, where it has failed, would renew and re-establish it with fresh increase of virtue.

It is certain that this Union tends to promote the wishes of his Holiness, Pius IX., who, at the very beginning of his Pontificate, manifested, by an encyclical letter, and soon after by acts, as well as by words, his desire of renewing the fervour of religious Orders.

All the children of our holy Father are affectionately invited to enter into this truly pious and fraternal Union.

RULES OF THE UNION.

1. The members of this Union shall fulfil all the duties of their state with the greatest diligence : they shall zealously

* Taken from a circular letter of the Right Rev. Dom. Angelo Pescetelli, present Abbot of St. Paul's at Rome.

observe the Holy Rule, and the Constitutions of their Congregation or Monastery ; they shall earnestly cultivate the spirit of poverty, and strive faithfully to perform all things that the spirit of our Order requires from them.

2. Early every day they shall offer to God, for the object of the Union, all their works, spiritual exercises, mortifications, adversities, and monastic observances.

3. During the holy sacrifice of the Mass, at the *Mementos* for the living and the dead, they shall always specially pray for the members of this Union, and for all who are living under the Rule of our holy Father Saint Benedict ; but particularly for superiors, and the young members of the Order.

4. The associates shall daily ask the patronage of our Blessed Lady, the especial protectress of the Order, by reciting the Antiphon "Sancta Maria," "O holy Mary," as below.

5. To excite and increase the religious spirit, the members shall endeavour to have a filial devotion to our holy Father Saint Benedict ; a great esteem for the Order founded by him ; and a peculiar veneration for the saints of his Order. For this end they shall daily recite the Antiphon "Sanctissime," "O most holy," with the annexed prayers, as below.

6. It is greatly to be desired, that, as far as superiors allow, the members should inform each other of the success of their efforts, and mutually encourage and exhort each other.

PRAYERS OF THE UNION.

Sancta María succúrre miseris, réfove flébiles ; ora pro pópulo, intérvieni pro Clero ; intercède pro monachórum choro, exóra pro devóto femíneo sexu ; séntiant omnes tuum juvámén quicúmque devótè célebrant tuum sanctum nomen.

Sanctíssime Conféssor Dómini, monachórum Pater et Dux, Benedícite, intercède pro nostrá, omniúmque salúte.

O holy Mary, succour the miserable, comfort the afflicted ; pray for the people, supplicate for the Clergy ; intercede for the choir of monks, plead for the devout female sex ; let all be sensible of thy help, who devoutly celebrate thy holy name.

O most holy Confessor of the Lord, Saint Benedict, Father and guide of monks, intercede for the salvation of ourselves, and of all.

Ÿ. Dómine Deus virtútum convérte nos.

Rz. Et osténde faciém tuam, et salvi érimus.

Ÿ. Convert us, O Lord God of hosts.

Rz. And show Thy face, and we shall be saved.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Excita Dómine in Ecclesiá tuá spíritum cui beátus Pater noster Benedíctus abbas servívit ; ut eódem nos repléti, studeámus amáre quod amávit, et ópere exercére quod dócuit.

Da nobis, quæsumus Dómine, perseverántem in tuá voluntáte famulátum ; ut in diébus nostris, et mérito, et número, pópulus tibi sérvians augeátur. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.

Raise up, O Lord, in Thy Church, the spirit wherewith our holy Father Saint Benedict, abbot, was animated ; that, filled with the same, we may study to love what he loved, and to practise what he taught.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to persevere in the service of Thy will ; that, in our days, the people who serve Thee may increase both in merit and number. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT OF AN INDULGENCE.

Ex Audiétiá Sanctíssimi.

At an Audience of His Holiness.

Sanctíssimus Dóminus noster Pius Papa IX. ómnibus mónachis et moniálibus præfáti Ordinís, præfatæque Unióni adscríptis, necnon in pósterum adscríbendis, suprà enunciátas preces corde saltem contríto, et devótè recitántibus, tercéntum diérum Indulgéntiam semel in quólibet anni die acquiréndam be-

His Holiness, our Lord Pope Pius IX. has kindly granted for ever, without issuing a brief, an Indulgence of three hundred days, to be gained once each day in the year, to all monks and nuns of the aforesaid Order already enrolled, or hereafter to be enrolled, in the aforesaid Union, who shall devoutly recite the above prayers, with at least a

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nigne in perpétuum concessit absque ullâ brevis expeditione. Datum Romæ ex secretariâ S. Congregationis Indulg. die 29 Novémbris 1853.

F. CARD. ASQUINIUS,
Præf.

A. COLOMBO, Sec.

contrite heart. Given at Rome, from the office of the secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, Nov. 29th, 1853.

F. CARD. ASQUINI, Prefect.

A. COLOMBO, Secretary.

The following Responsory may be appropriately said for the Intentions of the Union, after the Angelus, or other devotions :—

Ÿ. Sancte Pater Benedicte, intercède pro nobis.

Rz. Sancte Pater Benedicte, intercède pro nobis.

Ÿ. Et impetra nobis spiritum tuum.

Rz. Intercède pro nobis.

Ÿ. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Rz. Sancte Pater Benedicte, intercède pro nobis.

Ÿ. O holy Father Saint Benedict, intercede for us.

Rz. O holy Father Saint Benedict, intercede for us.

Ÿ. And obtain for us thy spirit.

Rz. Intercede for us.

Ÿ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Rz. O holy Father Saint Benedict, intercede for us.

Benedictine Scapular.*

THE doctrine of the Communion of Saints assures us, that there is a fellowship of spiritual blessings existing among all the members of the Church. And so, from the earliest times, we find devout persons living in the world, by some outward act, holding forth a claim of participation in the good works of those who had consecrated themselves to the perpetual service of God.

When the Order of our holy Father Saint Benedict became diffused through the world, many of the laity desired to become his adopted children. As a mark of their love and veneration for those who had abandoned all for Christ's sake, and had taken upon themselves the obligation of walking more closely in His footsteps, our Catholic forefathers delighted in consecrating some part of their wealth, to found and endow Monasteries and Convents, in which there might be offered to God a continual sacrifice of praise; and before whose altars their bodies might repose after death, in hopes that their souls would be remembered in the Sacred Offices of the Church, and in the daily Sacrifice.

Out of gratitude for these benefits, or to reward their devotion towards our holy Father Saint Benedict, the names of these benefactors were frequently enrolled amongst the names of the brethren of the Monastery;† and they themselves were invested with a portion of the religious habit, and received letters of affiliation, by which they became adopted children of the Saint, and partakers of all the good works and merits of the Order.

* See "A Short Treatise touching the Confraternitie of the Scapular of St. Benedict's Order, by A. B." (Anthony Batt). Douay, A.D. 1639.

† In an old MS. of Christ Church, Canterbury, were two lists, one, of the Fraternities, or alliances of prayers, &c., between the monks of Canterbury and those of different houses and Orders; the other, of the deaths of individuals, which were announced every year on the day of their decease.—Vide *Reyner's Apostolatus, Append. p. 253.*

Thus, we read in Surius,* that Saint Benedict himself admitted Tertullus, the father of Saint Placid, to a participation of the good works of the Order. Antonius Yopez, in his *Chronicles* (an. 64), relates that King Theodobert desired the same favour from Saint Maurus; and the Emperor Frederic is mentioned by Chrysostom Henriquez (*Menol.* p. 240), as obtaining the same privilege. Saint Bernard implores Louis VI. to desist from his injurious treatment of the Bishop of Paris, through their mutual friendship and fraternity.†

The same practice has been observed by the English Benedictine congregation, as is proved by the letter of affiliation given by the monks of Canterbury to Louis IX. of France,‡ and by other documents. The power of admitting benefactors, and others whose devotion to our holy Father Saint Benedict and his Order may cause them to desire it, to a participation of the merits and good works of the Order, belongs, at present, to the Very Rev. President General, the Provincials and Priors of the Congregation, and others delegated by them. The form of admission, as well as the letter of association and the prayers, &c. to be said by those who are received into the Order, were printed in the year 1639, in "A Short Treatise touching the Confraternitie of the Scapular of Saint Benedict's Order."

As some doubt existed whether the rescript of Gregory XVI.,§ which annulled the prohibition of Benedict XIV. with respect to Indulgences,|| extended to the Confraternity of the Scapular of Saint Benedict, the Sacred Congregation replied to a petition presented to his present Holiness in December, 1854,¶ that there was no need of a new rescript,

* *Tertullus vero, deosculatâ omni congregatione, rogavit Patrem Benedictum, quatenus eum fratres dignarentur in suam recipere societatem.*—*Surius, 5th Oct.* From an old MS. Life of St. Placid, in the Vatican Library.

† *Per illam invicem amicitiam nostram et fraternitatem.*—*Ep.* xlv.

‡ *Obiit Ludovicus Rex Francorum piissimus, frater et benefactor noster, &c. . . . Sane de communi voluntate, et assensu omnium nostrum, vos, et Dominam reginam hæredemque vestrum, et vestros, beneficiorum Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ participes, plenius esse concessimus.*—*Reyner's Apostolatus, Append.* p. 254.

§ Dated September 29th, 1838.

|| Apostolicum ministerium.

¶ *Ut benignè dignetur indulgere et declarare, quòd Patres ejusdem Congregationis possint, servatis antiquis regulis, denuò benedicere et distribuere Scapulare Ordinis S. Benedicti, adeò ut fideles possint indulgentias annexas lucrare.*

as that of September 29th, 1838, sufficiently provided for the case.

According to the eighth chapter of the Rules of the English Mission, all persons indiscriminately are not to be admitted into the Confraternity of the Scapular, but such only as are praiseworthy for their virtuous life ; and who, it is presumed, will make use of the privilege conferred on them, for the glory of God and the welfare of the Order.

The duties which the individuals who are received into the Confraternity are to perform, are,—1st, to wear a small scapular, properly blessed. 2ndly, every night to examine their conscience, and by that examination to put themselves in the disposition of mind and affection, in which, by God's grace, they would not fear to die. 3rdly, to say every night, thrice over, the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*, and once the *Creed* ; for the exaltation and happy success of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church.

An Indulgence of a year and forty days is gained every time the above duties are complied with. A Plenary Indulgence may also be gained once each month, by approaching to the Sacraments of Confession and Communion with proper dispositions ; and also at the hour of death by devoutly pronouncing (or if not possible, by mentally considering) the sacred name of Jesus.

When any one is to be invested with the Scapular, he ought to approach at least to the Sacrament of Penance, and if it can conveniently be done, to the Holy Communion.

The benefits conferred by the Benedictine Scapular will be seen from the Letter of Association.

LETTER OF ADMISSION INTO THE CONFRATERNITY.

Brother (N.N.) of the holy Order of Saint Benedict, and President-General of the Congregation of England of the same Order, to (N.N.) ; grace and happiness in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The blessed Apostle Saint Paul telleth us, that there are no sacrifices more powerful to deserve the love and protection of our merciful Redeemer, than the works of mercy, and the communicating one to another the spiritual and temporal graces which Almighty God imparteth to us. For which

cause our holy Order hath been accustomed to admit unto the participation of all graces and merits, which by the help of God abound in it, such worthy persons as by constant profession of the Catholic Faith, and true endeavour of virtuous life and careful exercise of the works of charity, edify the company of God's Church, and help forward their weaker, or poorer, neighbours in the way of Salvation. For which respects, especially as you have desired it at our hands, we have thought good to give unto you this Letter of Fraternity for yourself: by which letter, through the power granted unto us by the Apostolic See, and from our General Chapter, we do make you partaker of all the graces and merits of our Order, admitting and accepting of you into the number of our brethren and benefactors, and communicating unto you freely and willingly from our hearts, the participation and enjoying of all suffrages, sacrifices, and masses; prayers and fastings; disciplines and alms-deeds; studies, sermons, recollections, and meditations; mortifications and obediences, and all other labours, actions, and sufferings, and good works whatsoever, that have been, or shall be performed by the help of God's grace; in union with the merits and satisfactions of our Saviour Christ, for the honour and glory of Almighty God, now and in your lifetime, and after it shall please God to call you out of this world unto His mercy; confiding that,—by the goodness of Almighty God and the intercession of His Holy Mother, and all his glorious Angels and Saints, particularly of our holy Patriarch Saint Benedict, and his sister Saint Scholastica; of his admirable children Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Augustine our Apostle, Saint Maurus, Saint Placid, Saint Romuald, Saint Bernard, Saint Celestine, and divers founders of sundry congregations under his holy rule; Saint Florentina, Saint Gertrude, Saint Hildegarde, Saint Etheldreda, Saint Eadburge, Saint Frances of Rome, and infinite other Saints of both sexes, who for the space of fourteen hundred years have flourished in our Order, enriched the Church with learning and example, and peopled Heaven with their persons,—this our grant and Letter of Fraternity, or Brotherhood, will be profitable to your soul, and a help to increase in you all good duties and virtuous endeavours. Giving you particularly to understand, that, to enjoy these things, you are to wear in secret a little scapular blessed by us; and every night to examine your conscience, and by that examination to procure to place yourself in that dispo-

sition of mind and affection, in which, by God's grace, you would not fear to die; and after saying thrice over a "Pater" and "Ave," and once a "Creed," for the exaltation and happy success of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman Church, you shall, for every time thus doing, obtain remission for a year and forty days of penance otherwise due, or enjoined for your sins. And having confessed with hearty contrition and sorrow, and also communicated and received the Sacrament of the Altar once a month, you shall every time so doing once a month, obtain a Plenary Indulgence, and entire forgiveness of all penances and punishments due for your offences. And if at the hour of your death, you vocally repeat from your heart, the sweet name of Jesus,—or, not being able to pronounce it with your mouth, revolve it devoutly and reverently in your mind,—you shall obtain full remission of your sins. And the self-same Indulgences you shall obtain, causing through your devotion and charity three masses to be offered for the deliverance of the soul of any departed brother thus admitted into our Fraternity. Not doubting also, but you, on your part, will assist us with your prayers, merits, and good works, and will procure to perform such holy exercises as you shall see practised by such as are of your Brotherhood, so far as you may without hindrance, or inconvenience of the other obligations of your calling, and exercise of your private devotions. In witness of all which, we have in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one, true, immortal, and most merciful God, in three consubstantial persons, given this our Letter of Confraternity, and sealed it with our seal, under our own hand, and the subscription of our secretary.

FORM OF BLESSING AND CONFERRING THE SCAPULAR.

The person to be invested having previously confessed, and, if convenient, received the Holy Communion, shall kneel down while the Scapular is being blessed.*

* BLESSING OF THE SCAPULAR.

Ÿ. ✠ Adjutorium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

Rz. Qui fecit cælum et terram.

Ÿ. Dómine exáudi orationem meam.

Rz. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Ÿ. Dóminus vobíscum.

Rz. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Ÿ. ✠ Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Rz. Who made heaven and earth.

Ÿ. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Rz. And let my cry come unto thee.

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

Rz. And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Ætérne Pater, Omnípotens Deus, qui unigénitum tuum Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, nostræ mortalitátis fragílem vestem indúere voluísti; obsecramus imménsam largitátis tuæ abundántiam, ut benedictionem tuam in hunc sacrum hábitum effúndere dignéris: ut sicut ipsum sancti patres nostri ad in-

Eternal Father, Almighty God, who didst will Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to clothe Himself with the frail garment of our mortality; we implore the plenti-fulness of Thy bounty, that Thou wouldst deign to shower down Thy blessing upon this sacred habit; that, as our holy fathers gave it to be worn by those who renounced the

* Confrater aut consoror antequam scapulari vestiatur, debebunt (*sic*) accuratè Confessionis Sacramentum saltem præmittere, et si commodè poterunt etiam sacram Communionem: deinde commodo tempore astantibus paucis fidelibus ac devotis amiéis, &c.—*Constit. Mis.*, cap. viii.

nocentiæ et humilitatis indicium a renunciantibus sæculo sanxerunt gestendum, ita benedictione tua fiat, ut quicumque eo devotè et fideliter usus fuerit ob nominis tui gloriam, et sancti servi tui Benedicti Patris nostri devotionem, ipsum Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum iaduerè mereatur. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum. Amen.

world, as a mark of innocence and humility, Thy blessing may cause that all who devoutly use it through glory for Thy name, and devotion to Thy servant our holy Father Saint Benedict, may deserve to put on our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the same Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Having sprinkled the Scapular with Holy Water, he who is giving the Scapular shall turn towards the Postulant, and remind him that by being received into the Confraternity he is bound, in an especial manner, to honour and defend the Holy Order of Saint Benedict; and that he is also bound (but not under the penalty of sin) to perform the daily duties mentioned in the Letter of Adoption. The Postulant having so promised, and continuing still kneeling, the Priest shall take the Blessed Scapular, and clothing him with it, shall say:—

Accipe jugum Christi suave, et onus ejus leve: In nomine Patris, ✠ et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Receive the sweet yoke of Christ, and His burden which is light. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

He shall then say:—

Confirma hoc, Deus, quod operatus es in nobis, a templo sancto tuo, quod est in Jerúsalem.

Ÿ. Dominus vobiscum.

Rz. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Confirm, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us from Thy holy temple, which is in Jerusalem.

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

Rz. And with thy spirit.

Orémus.

Let us pray.

Adesto dulcissime Domine Deus supplicationibus nostris, et hunc famu-

Give ear, O most merciful Lord God, to our supplications, and grant that this Thy

lum tuum, quem [hanc ancillam tuam, quam] sacræ nostræ religiõni sociâmus, perpétuâ tribue firmitate roborâri, ut, perseverânti propósito, in omni váleat sanctitate tibi famulâri. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Amen.	servant, whom we associate to our Holy Order, may be strengthened with constant fortitude; that, continuing firm in his [her] resolution, he [she] may serve thee in all holiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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The Letter of Adoption shall then be delivered, and his name entered in the book of the Confraternity.

Medal and Cross

OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT.*

UNTIL within the last few years, the wisdom of the age rejected the belief that the affairs or circumstances of this life could be influenced, in any way, by the agency of either good or evil spirits; and it still is certainly the practical, if not also the theoretical, opinion of a great number of all who are not Catholics, that the doctrine of the Sadducees is true, and that there is neither angel nor spirit.† Yet nothing can be more evident, from the teaching of Sacred Scripture, and from the relation of historians whose testimony cannot be questioned, than the fact that we are not only assisted and protected by the angels, but that the devils, by the permission of God, are allowed to assail us in various ways, and in different degrees, from the mere suggestion of an evil thought, to the obsession and possession of the body and its powers. *Why* Almighty God allows the enemy of our salvation to possess such power, rests with His own infinite wisdom, but we should have no merit in being virtuous, unless we were tempted to the opposite; and however violent the temptations may be, there is no sin, so long as they are resisted. *Latrare potest, sollicitare potest, mordere omnino non potest, nisi volentem.*‡

The dangers of our salvation are certainly increased by this influence of the devil; but our safety is sufficiently provided for by the power which our Blessed Lord conferred on the Apostles and on the Church, of casting out devils and having dominion over them.§ While we are obliged to believe that human affairs can, to a certain extent, be interfered with by both good and bad angels, we must not fall into the

* See "Origine e Mirabili Effetti della Croce o Medaglia di S. Benedetto, da D. Francesco Zelli-Jacobuzi, O.S.B. Romæ, 1849."

† Acts, xxiii. 8.

‡ St. Augustine, Sermon. 197.

§ St. Matthew, x. 1.

opposite error of attributing to supernatural agency everything that strikes us as unusual, or wonderful ; but we must imitate the prudent reserve and caution of the Church, which, while believing that such things are possible, never attributes anything to the agency of either angel or devil that can by any means be referred to natural causes.

As the power which our Blessed Lord conferred upon the Church, resulted from His passion and His death on the cross, the Church has always considered the sign of the cross as the emblem of her power over the devils, and has always recommended her children to sign themselves with the sign of the cross when exposed to temptations and trials, that it might encourage them to resist all the suggestions of the evil one, and might drive him far from them. Tertullian tells us how the early Christians venerated and used the sign of the cross ; and our holy Father Saint Benedict was only following the example of his forefathers in the faith, when he employed it so frequently to overcome the wiles of the wicked one. Thus, in that short, but beautiful and striking, life of him written by Saint Gregory the Great,* several instances are recorded of his employing the sign of the cross against the devil and his temptations. On a certain day when he was alone, the tempter came, and, in the shape of a small black-coloured bird, began to fly so close about his face that he could have caught it with his hand ; † but he made the sign of the cross, and it disappeared. Again, when the monks of a neighbouring monastery, who had constrained him to leave his hermitage to govern them, repented of their choice, and put poison into his cup, he made the sign of the cross over it, and instantly the cup, though held at a distance, was broken into pieces, as if it had been struck with a stone. In the nineteenth and twentieth chapters of his life it is also recorded how he overcame two illusions of the devil by the sign of the cross ; and in the thirty-first it is related, how, when one of his monks was giving way to thoughts of pride, the holy Father saw what was taking place in the heart of his disciple, and at once turned to him and rebuked him sharply, saying, " Make the sign of the cross on your heart, brother,—make the sign of the cross."

This devotion of our holy Father to the cross was so great, and his confidence in its efficacy so firm, that his two re-

* See the Life of St. Benedict, translated by Rev. H. Formby.

† Chap. vii.

nowned disciples, Saint Maurus and Saint Placid, imitated his example on like occasions, and joined the name of Saint Benedict with it, that his great faith might be accepted, to make up for what seemed to them, in their humility, their own shortcomings. Thus the name of our holy Father became intimately connected, in his Order, with the sign of the cross, and with one of peculiar shape, bearing on it the initials of certain words, which, as old manuscripts assert, were revealed to him.*

During the long course of ages which have elapsed since the time of Saint Benedict, whenever devotion towards his cross and medal has grown cold, it has been revived by some remarkable instance of their efficacy. It thus happened during the pontificate of Pope Leo IX. (A. D. 1048), who had entered the Order of the Saint out of gratitude for an especial favour which he received through the cross from the hands of Saint Benedict himself; for, when a child, he was bitten in the cheek by a serpent of so venomous a kind, that he was reduced to the last extremity, and no hopes were entertained of his recovery by his noble parents, who had done everything they could to restore him. One night, it seemed to him that a venerable old man, whom he knew to be Saint Benedict, came to him and touched his cheek with a cross which he held in his hand: the wound was at once perfectly healed, and not a trace of it was left behind.

Again, when, in consequence of the dreadful disturbances that resulted from the Reformation, the meaning of the letters on the medal had been forgotten, although the medals had continued to be used, the explanation was thus re-discovered in 1647. As the inhabitants of the towns of Metten and of Nattrenberg, in Bavaria, had been preserved from a pest of an extraordinary kind of venomous serpent through the use of Saint Benedict's medal, the mayor of Metten requested

* It is not known when the medal of St. Benedict was first struck, but the shape of the cross which is traced on it belongs to an early period. There is preserved in the "Sacred Grotto" at Subiaco, an old cross which is generally said to have been used by our holy Father himself; but the Right Rev. Dr. Ullathorne, Bishop of Birmingham, who is competent to judge in such matters, and who examined it on his pilgrimage to the cave of his holy Patriarch, says that it is plainly a mediæval cross of later date by several centuries than the death of the saint. The cross there preserved may, however, have been made with the material of an older and original one used by the saint. There is a want of documents to prove the existence of the devotion to the medal and cross of St. Benedict, until about A.D. 1000.

the monks of the monastery in the same town to endeavour to ascertain the meaning of the letters, in order that the devotion towards Saint Benedict, and his cross and medal, might be increased. After a diligent search, there was found a valuable manuscript written by a former monk of the house, containing a full account of the cross and of the inscription. For many years afterwards, so great was the faith of the inhabitants in the intercession of our holy Father, and in the efficacy of his medal and cross, that many evident miracles took place.* At length, the abbot of the monastery of Saint Margaret, near Prague, applied to the Holy See, in the year 1741, for power for all the monks subject to his jurisdiction to bless and induldge the cross and medal of Saint Benedict, as an especial protection against all the snares and temptations of the devil. The reigning Pontiff, Benedict XIV., in a brief (*Cælestibus Ecclesiæ thesauris*), dated Dec. 23rd, 1741, approved of a form of blessing, and granted numerous indulgences. In another brief (*Ad augendam*), dated March 12th, 1742, he confirmed all that he had before granted. His late Holiness Gregory XVI. extended to the congregation of Monte Cassino all the privileges that had been granted by Benedict XIV. to the Benedictines of Bohemia and other countries; and his present Holiness, by a brief dated March 18th, 1855, has conferred them on all priests of the English Benedictine Congregation.

The medal and cross of our holy Father Saint Benedict may be either worn round the neck, or carried in any other way about the person, or fastened to any place, or may be put in water which cattle are to drink. They are used, according to the blessing of the Church which is imparted to them, to beg of God, that through the sufferings of the passion of His Son, and through the merits and intercession of His servant Saint Benedict, He would be pleased to preserve those who wear them from all the snares and temptations of the devil, and more particularly from all *obsession* or *possession*, and from witchcraft; that He would protect them from lightnings and tempests, from pestilences, sicknesses, and poisons; and that He would bestow upon them His blessings, both temporal and spiritual, and especially that he would guard them against everything that is contrary to the holy virtue of purity in mind and body.

* See "*Benedictus redivivus*," Auctore Domno Gabriele Bucelino, O.S.B. p. 267. Many miracles have also been wrought in France within the last few years.

Thus the wearing it is, in a manner, a constant silent prayer to God,—from whom alone every protection and blessing is expected, and not from the mere medal, as if any virtue or power resided in it of itself,—that He would have regard to the merits of our Holy Father, and for his sake, would extend His own protection in all the aforesaid trials.

When the intercession of our Holy Father is asked for any particular intention, through the application of the medal, the divine assistance may be implored by saying five times *Glory be to the Father*, &c., in honour of the sacred Passion of our Blessed Lord; three times the *Hail Mary*, in honour of our Blessed Lady; and three times *Glory be to the Father*, in honour of our Holy Father Saint Benedict. The ejaculation on the medal can also be said.

The four letters C. S. P. B. in the angles formed by the arms of the cross, stand for the words CRUX SANCTI PATRIS BENEDICTI, and point out whose cross it is—THE CROSS OF HOLY FATHER BENEDICT.

The letters on the cross itself, C. S. S. M. L., N. D. S. M. D., are the initials of a pious ejaculation to be used in the time of temptation : *

CRUX SACRA SIT MIHI	OH, MAY THE CROSS A LIGHT
LUX,	BE UNTO ME :
NON DRACO SIT MIHI	AND NOT A GUIDE THE
DUX.	WICKED ENEMY.

The letters on the margin, V. R. S., N. S. M. V., S. M. Q. L., and I. V. B., are a rebuke to the tempter, and stand for

VADE RETRÒ SÁTANA;	GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN,
NUNQUAM SUADE MIHI	NEVER SUGGEST VAIN THINGS
VANA;	TO ME ;
SUNT MALA QUÆ LIBAS,	EVIL ARE THE DRAUGHTS THOU
	OFFEREST,
IPSA VENÉNA BIBAS.	MAYEST THOU DRINK THY OWN
	POISON.

* There is some slight difference in the words assigned to the letters, but the sense is the same. The words given above are those attributed to the letters by the Benedictines of Germany. The Benedictines of Italy formerly used the words *Sancta* for *Sacra*, *dæmon* for *draco*, and *ipse* for *ipsa*; but they now consider the German reading more correct.

INDULGENCES.

The following Indulgences, taken from an authentic copy of the Brief preserved in the archives of the Monastery of St. Paul extra Muros, at Rome, were granted by Benedict XIV. to all who wear a properly blessed medal of our Holy Father Saint Benedict :—

1. A Plenary Indulgence, and remission of all punishment due to sin, on condition of worthily approaching the Sacraments of Confession and Communion, and praying for the extirpation of heresies and schisms, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, for the peace and concord of Christian princes, and for the welfare of the Church—on the following feasts ; the Nativity of our Lord, the Epiphany, the Resurrection, the Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi ; the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity, the Annunciation, the Purification, and the Assumption of our Blessed Lady ; on the feast of All Saints (Nov. 1st), and on the feast of our holy Father Saint Benedict ; if they are accustomed to recite at least once a week the Corona of our Lord, or of the Blessed Virgin ; or the whole Rosary, or only a third part of it ; or the Divine Office, or the Little Office of our Blessed Lady ; or the Office of the Dead, or the Penitential or Gradual Psalms, or are accustomed to teach the principles of our Holy Faith, or visit those that are in prison, or the sick in any hospital, or assist the poor, or hear (or, if a Priest, say) Mass.

2. An Indulgence of seven years, and as many Quarantines,* on the feasts of our Lord, and of our Blessed Lady, on the feasts of the Apostles, of Saint Joseph, Saint Maurus, Saint Placid, Saint Scholastica, and Saint Gertrude, of the Order of Saint Benedict, to all who, on these days, perform any of the before-mentioned good works.

3. An Indulgence of seven years, and as many Quarantines, to all who shall fast on Friday, from reverence to the Passion of our Lord, or on Saturday in honour of our Blessed Lady ; and a Plenary Indulgence and remission of all

* In the ancient Penitential Canons, a Quarantine, or Fenance for forty days, was a common one.

punishment due to sin, for all who shall have fasted on the above days, for a year, upon condition of Confession and Communion. This Indulgence can be gained by those, who, having begun this good work with the intention of observing it throughout the year, shall die before its close.

4. An Indulgence of seven years, and as many Quarantines, to all who shall hear (or, being a Priest, shall say) Mass, and shall pray for the prosperity of Christian princes, and the tranquillity of their states and dominions.

5. An Indulgence of forty days, to all who shall say once, or oftener, during the day, the ejaculation, *Blessed be the most pure and immaculate Conception.*

6. An Indulgence of a hundred days (on the day on which the good work shall be performed), to all who are accustomed to recite at least once a week the Corona or Rosary, or Office of our Blessed Lady; or the Office of the Dead; or only the Vespers, with at least one Nocturn and Lauds; or the Penitential Psalms, with the Litany and Prayers; or shall recite five times the *Hail Mary* in honour of the holy name of Mary; or the antiphon, *Sub tuum præsidium—We fly to thy patronage*—with any of the approved prayers in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

7. An Indulgence of a hundred days, to be gained once only on each Friday, on which they shall piously meditate on the passion and death of our Blessed Lord, and shall say three times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*.

8. An Indulgence of a hundred days, to all who, through devotion to Saint Joseph, to our holy Father Saint Benedict, Saint Maurus, Saint Scholastica, and Saint Gertrude, shall say the psalm *Miserere*, or five times the *Our Father* and *Hail Mary*, to beg of God, that, by their intercession, He would preserve the Holy Catholic Church, and bestow upon themselves the grace of a happy death.

9. An Indulgence of fifty days, to all who, before saying Mass, or receiving the Holy Communion, or reciting the Divine Office, or the Little Office of our Blessed Lady, shall say some devout prayer.

10. An Indulgence of fifty days, to all who shall pray for the faithful that are in their agony, and say in their behalf, three times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*.

11. An Indulgence of two hundred days, in addition to those granted by other Popes, to all who shall visit those that are in prison, or the sick in an hospital, and shall assist

them by some pious work ; or shall teach the Christian doctrine, either in the church or at home, to their children, relations, or servants.

12. An Indulgence of seven years, to all who shall recite the Corona or Rosary of our Blessed Lady, in honour of her most pure and immaculate Conception, begging that for the sake of her Divine Son, they may live and die without mortal sin.

13. An Indulgence of seven years, in addition to those granted by other Popes for this pious work, to all who shall devoutly accompany the Viaticum of the Blessed Sacrament when taken to the sick.

14. An Indulgence of twenty years, to be gained once only each week, to all who every day shall pray for the extirpation of heresy.

15. An Indulgence of one year to all who, examining their conscience, and being truly penitent, shall resolve to correct and confess their sins, and shall devoutly say five times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary* ; and an Indulgence of ten years, on the day on which they go to Confession and Communion.

16. All who by their good example or advice, shall lead a sinner to repentance, shall obtain the remission of the third part of the satisfaction due for their own sins.

17. All who being truly repentant, shall go to Confession and Communion on Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunday, and pray for the exaltation of our holy Mother the Church, and the preservation of the Pope, shall gain those same Indulgences that are granted by His Holiness on those days when publicly giving his blessing to the people.

18. All who shall pray for the propagation of the Holy Order of our holy Father Saint Benedict, shall become partakers in each and all of the good works, in any way performed by the same Order.

19. All who being prevented by infirmity, or other lawful obstacle, cannot hear (or, being a Priest, cannot celebrate) Mass, or recite the Divine Office, or the Office of our Blessed Lady, or fulfil the other good works prescribed for gaining the above Indulgences, can nevertheless gain them, by saying in the place of those good works, three times the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*, with the antiphon, *Salve Regina* ; adding at the end, "*Blessed be the most Holy Trinity, and praised be the most Holy Sacrament, and the*

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin :" provided that they have confessed and communicated, or at least, with a contrite heart, have made a firm resolution to confess their sins.

20. All who, being at the point of death, shall piously recommend their soul to God, having previously confessed and received the Blessed Sacrament, if they are able ; or, otherwise, having made an act of contrition, shall invoke with their mouth, if they are able, or at least with their heart, the names of *Jesus* and *Mary*, shall obtain a Plenary Indulgence, and the remission of all punishment due to their sins.

21. All may acquire for themselves, or apply by way of suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed, all and each of the aforesaid Indulgences, and remissions of punishments due to sin, and penalties.

FORM OF BLESSING THE CROSS AND MEDAL
OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT BENEDICT,
APPROVED OF BY BENEDICT XIV. FOR
IMPARTING THE INDULGENCES.*

*Sacerdos benedicturus Numismata Sancti Benedicti incipit
absolútè.*

Ÿ. Adjutorium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

Rz. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Exorcízo vos, Numismata, per Deum Patrem ✠ Omnipoténtem, qui fecit cœlum et terram, mare et ómnia quæ in eis sunt. Omnis virtus adversárii, omnis exércitus diaboli, et omnis incúrsus, omne phantásma Sátanæ eradicáre et effugáre ab his Numismátibus, ut fiant ómnibus qui eis usúri sunt salus mentis et córporis, in nómine Patris ✠ Omnipoténtis, et Jesu ✠ Christi Fílii ejus Dómini nostri,

* During the Pontificate of the same Pope, permission was granted to publish the summary of Indulgences in any language ; but the Sacred Congregation wished the Form of Blessing to be printed in Latin only.

et Spíritus Sancti ✠ Parácliti, et in charitatē ejúsdem Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui ventúrus est judicáre vivos et mórtuos et sæculum per ignem. *Rz.* Amen.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster, &c., *secr.*

Ÿ. Et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem.

Rz. Sed líbera nos a malo.

Ÿ. Salvos fac servos tuos.

Rz. Deus meus, sperántes in te.

Ÿ. Esto nobis, Dómine, turris fortitudínis.

Rz. A fácie inimíci.

Ÿ. Dóminus virtútem pópulo suo dabit.

Rz. Dóminus benedícet pópulum suum in pace.

Ÿ. Mitte eis Dómine auxílium de Sancto.

Rz. Et de Sion tuére nos.

Ÿ. Dómine exaúdi oratiónem meam.

Rz. Et clamor meus ad te véniat.

Ÿ. Dóminus vobíscum.

Rz. Et cum spíritu tuo.

Orémus.

Deus Omnípotens, bonórum ómnium largítor, súplices te rogámus, ut per intercessiónem Sancti Patris Benedícti, his sacris Numismátibus, líteris ac caractéribus a te designátis, tuam benedictiónem infúndas, ut omnes qui ea gestáverint ac bonis opéribus inténti fúerint, sanitátem mentis et córporis, et grátiam sanctificatiónis, atque indulgéntias nobis concéssas cónsequi mereántur, omnesque diáboli insídias et fraudes, per auxílium misericórdiæ tuæ effúgere váleant, et in conspéctu tuo sancti et immaculáti appáreant. Per Dóminum, &c. *Rz.* Amen.

Orémus.

Dómine Jesu Christe, qui voluísti pro totíus mundi redemptióne de Virgine nasci, circumcídí, a Judæis reprobári, Judæ ósculo tradi, vínculis alligári, spinis coronári, clavis perforári, inter latrónes crucifigi, lanceâ vulnerári, et tandem in cruce mori; per hanc tuam sanctíssimam Passiónem humíliter exóro, ut omnes diabólicas insídias et fraudes expéllas

ab eo, qui Nomen Sanctum tuum his literis ac caractéribus a te designátis devótè invocáverit, et eum ad salutis portum perducere dignéris. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculórum. R^z. Amen.

Ÿ. Benedictio Dei Patris ✠ Omnipoténtis, et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ Sancti descéndat super hæc Numísmata, ac ea gestántes, et máneat semper, in nómine Pa✠tris, et Fí✠lii, et Spíritus ✠ Sancti. Amen.

Deinde Sacerdos aspérgit Numísmata aquá benedictá.

Chronology

OF THE LIFE OF THE MOST HOLY PATRIARCH SAINT BENEDICT.

(From Hæften's "*Disquis. Monast.*")

"His memory shall not depart away, and his name shall be in request from generation to generation."—Ecclus. xxxix.

(The figures in parenthesis denote the age of St. Benedict.)

YEAR.

- 480 (—). St. Benedict and his twin-sister, St. Scholastica, are born in Nursia, a town in the south of Italy: their father, Anicius Eupropius; their mother, Abundantia.
- 487 (7). St. Benedict is sent to Rome to study; his nurse, Cyrilla, accompanies him.
- 493 (13). God calling him to higher things, and the dangers of the world prompting him to leave it, he quits Rome to seek salvation and perfection in solitude; Cyrilla again accompanies him. On their way, in a little village thirty miles from Rome, he works a miracle to console Cyrilla.
- 494 (14). He leaves Cyrilla, and goes alone to Subiaco, a mountainous district, forty miles distant from Rome; meets a holy hermit named Romanus, from whom he asks and receives the religious habit; then going into a little cave amidst the rocks, dwells there in union with his God by prayer, unknown to all excepting St. Romanus, who brought him food.
- 497 (17). On the Easter Sunday of this year, a priest receives a command from God to visit this cave, and honour the youthful hermit.

Some neighbouring shepherds discover the saint.

He gains the noble victory over the spirit of impurity; and placing the lily of his chastity amidst thorns and nettles, he secures it against every temptation for the remainder of his life.

509 (29). His sanctity becoming noised abroad, many men leave the world and put themselves under his spiritual guidance.

510 (30). After frequent refusals, he at last yields to the request of the monks of Vico-Varro, who besought him to become their abbot. As he had foretold them, they grow angry at his corrections; they seek to poison him; he returns to his dear solitude at Subiaco.

St. Maurus is born.

511 (31). During the next nineteen years, St. Benedict builds twelve monasteries on the Subiaco mountains.

515 (35). St. Placid is born.

522 (42). Sts. Maurus and Placid are brought to Subiaco by their parents, and receive from St. Benedict the monastic habit.

523 (43). St. Maurus, in obedience to St. Benedict, walks on the waters of the lake into which St. Placid had fallen, and saves him from being drowned.

529 (49). St. Benedict leaves Subiaco, and goes to Mount Cassino (about fifty miles south of Subiaco).

530 (50). He begins to build the monastery of Mount Cassino.

536 (56). He sends St. Placid into Sicily.

St. Benedict has the mysterious vision, in which God grants him the sight of the whole world brought together in one ray of the sun.

537 (57). St. Placid begins the monastery at Messina, in Sicily; he finishes it in four years.

539 (59). During a famine, St. Benedict distributes to the poor all the corn of the monastery; on the following day, he receives from Heaven, in return, 200 bushels of flour.

In hatred of Disobedience, and out of love for Charity, he works the miracle of the glass oil-jar.

Whilst he is at prayer with some of the brethren, an empty vessel, which was in the room, is miraculously filled with oil even to overflowing.

541 (61). St. Placid is martyred (probably in this year).

543 (63). King Totila, the barbarian, visits St. Benedict; receives his paternal reproach and prophecy.

548 (63). On the 10th of January, St. Benedict sends St. Maurus into France.

On the 6th of February, he has the last conference with his sister, St. Scholastica.

On the 10th of February, he sees the soul of his sister St. Scholastica ascending to heaven under the form of a dove.

On the 16th of March, knowing that the hour of his death is near, he orders his grave to be opened.

On the 21st of March, at nine o'clock in the morning, standing in the chapel of his monastery of Mount Cassino, supported by his religious, he dies, in the sixty-third year of his age.

**JESUS, MARÍA, JOSEPH,—BENEDÍCTUS, SCHOLÁSTICA,
ADSINT MIHI IN VITÂ MONÁSTICÂ :
NE DIÁBOLUS IN VÍTIA,
SUÂ ME TRAHAT VERSÚTIÂ.**

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